

DAY OF SURPRISES

Events Follow Each Other With Unwonted Rapidity.

TWO SESSIONS OF THE CABINET.

President Promptly Advised of the Course of Events Throughout the Country and on the Public Exchanges—The Venezuelan Message Not a Hastily Prepared Document—Work of the Commission.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Yesterday was a day of excitement and surprises in Washington. Events moved with rapidity and when the sun went down public men in all branches of the service were nervous and worn out from the session. Reports came of panic in securities throughout the country, and here in Washington affairs moved at the rapid pace of a kaleidoscope.

The House Venezuelan commission bill was amended in material respects by the senate foreign relations committee and then by a sudden change in sentiment in the senate was passed unanimously just as it came from the house; then an adjournment resolution from today over the holidays was passed by the senate, only to be followed by an urgent message from the president strongly advising prompt action for the reform of our currency system and the maintenance of public credit.

At the other end of the avenue the president and his cabinet received prompt advice of the course of events here and on the public exchanges. The cabinet held two sessions, something without precedent in recent years. Secretary Herbert, who returned from New York during the afternoon, attended the second meeting for a brief time. All of the remaining members of the cabinet were present except Secretaries Lamont and Smith, who are out of town. The financial situation was the principal topic of consideration, and the result of the meeting was revealed in the message sent to the senate late in the afternoon, the body being kept in session by request from the White house.

The message was not favorably received in the senate. The summary adjournment upon the motion of Senator Cockrell, one of the Democratic leaders, immediately after the conclusion of the reading of the message, was taken on the Republican side as a disposition not to consider the message seriously. Mr. Cockrell declined to define his motion or to discuss the question of the propriety of the suggestion. Senator Gorman, replying to a question, said that he did not want to criticize the president.

That the administration has not moved precipitately in the Venezuelan affair is evidenced by the fact, which has now become known, that Secretary Olney's famous letter defining the Monroe doctrine was considered for fully two months before being dispatched to Ambassador Bayard for delivery to Lord Salisbury. Moreover, it is a fact that the president's message, while perhaps hastily reduced to exact form, really was the subject of deep deliberation for almost six months, for there is good reason to believe that the adverse response of Lord Salisbury to Secretary Olney's note was expected by the president. It is noted that the president's message is a distinct advance in our attitude upon the policy of the secretary for whereas the latter was confined to a declaration of a doctrine, the former proposed action that went far beyond that point. It was thus reason without doubt that caused the message to be most carefully considered for many months.

Further inquiry into the subject makes it appear that if the commission to be appointed to ascertain the facts respecting the Venezuelan boundary finds it necessary to visit the country and to personally locate the line, the work will consume much more time than is generally believed to be necessary. Outside of the voyage to Venezuela, which would consume not less than a month, to and fro, the journey through the wild interior of the country would be very difficult. With a small flying force of eight lightly equipped colonial police, the journey to the Urman outpost, where the collision occurred and which marks the end of the line claimed by Great Britain, could not be made in less than 25 days, so that if the commission is to make a proper examination of the country, the task, including the sea voyage, will probably occupy almost six months.

THE TONE OF RUSSIAN PRESS

Successes Gained by Gule and Force Are Not Enduring.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.—The Novoye Vremya says: If it comes to a war between Great Britain and the United States the former will have to encounter internal as well as foreign foes, for the Irish are not likely to look on passively at such a conflict. In that event England's affairs in Turkey and the far east will not wear so favorable an aspect, and there would come the host of bitter retribution for the part upon which Englishmen pride themselves, forgetting that successes gained by guile and force are never enduring.

BRITISH GUIANESE

Start an Agitation Against Monroe Doctrine in London.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—The British Guianese have begun an agitation against the enforcement of the Monroe doctrine. At a special meeting of the Union de Loyale La Guayane Britannique last night, Robert Seon, an official at Georgetown, British Guiana, and the head of the Seon syndicate, which operates gold fields on the Essequibo river and tributaries, denounced the Monroe doctrine and declared that the government of British Guiana had advised the imperial government not to submit the Essequibo district to arbitration under any circumstances.

BRITISH WEEKLY PRESS

Londoners the President and Trust to Good Sense of American People.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The leading British weeklies confine themselves to denunciations of President Cleveland and to expressions of confidence in what they describe as the "good sense of the American people, which is beginning to assert itself."

The National Observer is a notable exception to this in that it indicates

VERY DIRECT LANGUAGE AS TO ITS SENTIMENTS TOWARD AMERICANS GENERALLY. IT SAYS: THE MESSAGE OUGHT IN THE MAIN TO BE NOT UNWELCOME IN THIS COUNTRY.

Its menacing tone, its outrageous pretensions and the general approval of it amount to a demonstration of what has often been denied, but is none the less the truth, that Americans, outside of a very select circle of millionaires and mugwumps, are profoundly hostile to England. They may like the individual Englishman, but for the British government they have nothing but detestation and pleasure in seeing it crossed and humiliated. Those who have been living in a fool's paradise made up of maudlin sentiment about kindred communities and blood being thicker than water may experience a disagreeable shock when the unsympathetic reality is forced upon their attention. Now that President Cleveland comes forward with a firm hand and strips all cant aside, and the general applause of Americans, we know where we stand.

After dealing with the hollowness of President Cleveland's claim, the National Observer proceeds: Diplomatic good manners has made it impossible for Lord Salisbury to say what we do not scruple to write, that nothing more impudently provocative ever came from the pen of an American secretary of state, playing the part of a puppet in a view of a coming presidential election.

The Saturday Review, which is independent in politics, attacks President Cleveland most violently. "The truth of the matter is," says the Review, "that President Cleveland, having finally realized that his tariff policy has cost the Democrats New Jersey and Kentucky, has resolved to win the support of the Irish and jingoes by twisting the lion's tail. Unluckily, the Republican senators drew him into the declaration of a spirited foreign policy six months too soon, and his message has already been muddled by impartial criticism. Sensible people on both sides have recognized that President Cleveland has played the dogberry to no purpose, and that he has written himself down an ass, and that all he has accomplished by his message is bad buncombe that stands no chance of serious acceptance by the states. He has assumed the position, not of a mediator, but of a dictator, and that position will not be acceptable, on calm reflection, to his countrymen, who perhaps have a deeper respect for law and justice than any other people in the world."

CAN NOT SUBMIT.

The Speaker says: The feeling in England is universal that we can not submit to President Cleveland's pretensions, which, if accepted, would destroy our position as an independent power. We have no reason to thank President Cleveland for the fact that the peace of the world has not been destroyed by the incredible crassness of a war between Great Britain and the United States. He has brought two countries to the position of extreme danger and difficulty, so that it is only the good sense and good feeling, happily lying at the root of the character of both branches of the Anglo-saxon people, that can be trusted to avert the fatal collision.

NO GROUND FOR A QUARREL.

The Spectator, which is independent Liberal in politics, says: The main hope consists in moderation and in the keen sense of the bulk of the American people. No one here dreams of menacing the United States. No one has the faintest idea of conquering or conquering a fresh portion of either of the two Americas. Clearly there is no ground for a quarrel except the claim of the United States to what is virtually a protectorate over the two Americas, which Secretary Olney himself expressly repudiated in his dispatch. We are, therefore, about to quarrel and possibly to fight and ruin one another about nothing at all.

W. K. VANDERBILT INTERVIEWED.

A dispatch to The Chronicle from Brussels quotes an interview had by a representative of The Star with Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, in which the latter said: "Everything is possible, for we shall not yield an inch. We shall begin by closing our ports against England. Allowing us to have a private telegram announcing the convocation of a congress of delegates from all the American republics. This congress will carry through the project for a customs union elaborated by the late Mr. Blane." Mr. Vanderbilt talked further of Edison's torpedoes being applied to flying machines to destroy the English fleet in a few hours. "Mr. Cleveland wouldn't," he says, "have thrown down the gauntlet," said Mr. Vanderbilt, "were he not prepared for all eventualities."

SATISFACTION IN CONSTANTINOPLE.

The Westminster Gazette remarks: The message has given lively satisfaction at Constantinople, whatever else it has done, and Mr. Cleveland has earned the gratitude of one exalted personage and reduced the tension of the Armenian question.

SLIGHTLY MIXED.

The Statist, financial and economical, says: The president has abandoned a sound protection plank for blatant jingonism.

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VOTE UNANIMOUS

By Which Senate Passes Venezuelan Bill.

A DAY OF ELOQUENT SPEECHES.

Speakers of Varying Shades of Political Sentiment Strongly Support the President in His Assertion of the Monroe Doctrine—Galleries Filled With Eager Crowds of Attentive Listeners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The United States senate, by unanimous vote and without the formality of a rollcall, yesterday passed the bill already adopted by the house of representatives empowering the president to appoint a commission to determine the Venezuela-British Guiana boundary.

This action was the culmination of a debate adding a memorable page to congressional history. It was a day of notable speeches by notable men. The subject of war between the United States and Great Britain was the prevailing theme, which ennobled expression in stirring appeals for preparation and defense, in graphic portrayals of the horrors of war, and at times in defiant warnings to the people across the water. By a singular coincidence the session which was to be marked by such vigorous debate and unanimous action was opened by an invocation of classic beauty from the blind chaplain of the senate, breathing the spirit of good will between the two prominent English speaking nations. This was speedily followed by the adoption of Mr. Allen's somewhat ironical resolution calling on the finance committee to investigate the needs of the unimpaired currency of silver. At all times during the four hours of discussion the galleries were besieged by an eager crowd, whose patriotic impulses found frequent expression in applause, which the presiding officer tried vainly to suppress.

The most notable utterances of the day were those of Senators Sherman, Teller, Mills, Lodge, Platt, Turpie, Chandler, White, Caffery, Call and Stewart, representing the three shades of political sentiment, and yet in the main uniform in urging the support of the president, vigorous assertion of the Monroe doctrine, and if need be, any action essential to maintain the national dignity.

There were strong assertions also against the panic in American stocks and securities which it was said the London commercial houses were seeking to bring about. Throughout the debate there was an undercurrent of feeling that while the country would not shrink from war if it must be, yet that such a calamity was not imminent. Shortly before 4 o'clock Mr. Morgan suddenly withdrew the amendments to the bill, leaving it in its original form. There was no demand for a rollcall as the sentiment of the senate was clearly a unit, and by a loud viva voce vote the bill was passed without a dissenting vote. This completed the legislative enactment of the measure, which with the signature of the president has the full force and effect of a law.

The passage of the bill was not, however, the only exciting event of the day, for at 4:30 o'clock the president's message urging the gravity of the financial situation and calling on congress to adjourn for the holidays until relief was afforded, was presented to the senate.

The reading was followed with close attention, but the senators, absorbed with the stirring events of the debate, were ready to adjourn without immediate consideration of the message.

VICTORY FOR FREE COINAGE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The first silver vote in the senate was on a motion to refer to the finance committee Allen's silver resolution directing an inquiry as to the advisability of opening the mints to free coinage in view of the strained relations over Venezuela. The motion was defeated—yeas, 24; nays, 36; the silver men voting nay.

THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The session of the house was purely a perfunctory affair. The speaker was ready to announce the committees and the house was ready to adjourn for the holiday recess, but the fact that the senate had not yet acted on the bill for the appointment of the Venezuelan commission forced the house, after waiting an hour and a half, to adjourn until today.

ORDERS ISSUED

To Remove American Citizens From District of Mexico.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—A special from Washington says: In accordance with the advice of Minister Torrell, the administration has determined to remove American citizens from the disaffected district of Mexico, in Asia Minor. This information was reached at the cabinet meeting yesterday.

THEY HAVE TOLERABLE

MARION, N. Y., Dec. 21.—On Wednesday last a representative of the state ward of health was summoned to Malone to examine one of the largest pens of fancy cattle in the county belonging to J. S. Auden. Out of 25 head examined 20 were found to be infected with tuberculosis and they will be killed at once.

AN OFFER DRAFTED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Policeman George McCormack was stripped of his shield, revolver and fire key at police headquarters and locked up. He is accused of criminally assaulting Mrs. Maria Duane, a widow, while at her home taking school census.

SPION AND TEN HOUSE ASSAULT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—M. M. Packard & Company, dealers in spices and teas, have made an assignment. Tightness of money is given as the cause.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF TRADE.

Business Daily Except in Stock and Cotton Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—R. G. Dun & Company's weekly review of trade says: The strong Americanism of the president's message has given its character to the week. Popular feeling was profoundly moved, but excepting in stock and cotton markets, business was remarkably dull and scarcely affected. Selling of securities held abroad was a natural first impulse, though the sellers are not unlikely in time to discover that no other securities are safer from international complications than the American. Coming at a time when nearly all produce markets are inactive and industries unusually dull, the disturbance has affected values much less than might have been expected. Not because of any foreign question, but solely because of influences which have been in continuous operation for months, prices of manufactured goods continued to decline.

Failures for the week have been 377 in the United States against 349 last year, and 32 in Canada against 38 last year.

WALL STREET EXCITED.

Panicky Situation a Result of Possibility of War.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—This was a day of excitement on Wall street and matters for a time bore the resemblance of a panic. But this condition of affairs had been not unexpected and in a measure the dealers had prepared themselves. As a result of the decline in stocks the failure of the following firms was announced on the Stock Exchange during the day: Nichols, Frothingham & Samuel, Sands & Company, DeNeufville & Company, L. A. Feldman and B. Feuton.

With the fall in prices the banks called in all their loans, thus adding to the complications of the situation. Much money was loaned at very high interest to carry stocks, and in many instances renewals would be made under no conditions whatever. As the selling movement continued right up to the closing hour with but slight momentary reactions, the effort was demoralizing in the extreme. Money was loaned on call late in the afternoon at as high as 8 per cent, and most loans were marked up to 15 per cent by the banks.

ON A TRIAL TRIP.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The United States cruiser Boston, which has been undergoing repairs at Mare Island navy yard for the past four months, went to sea yesterday on a trial trip. Her battery has been rearranged, upper works strengthened, and her engines overhauled.

TRUE BILLS AGAINST MORELAND AND HOUSE.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 21.—The grand jury has returned true bills in all of the nine indictments which charged Moreland and House with having made contract with the Allegheny National, First National and Tradesmen's National banks to use city funds for personal gain.

CALIFORNIA OPPOSE FUNDING BILL.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The citizens committee of 50 to organize the fight against the funding bill, met yesterday in the office of Mayor Sutro. It was decided to raise \$10,000 to defray the personal expenses of the lobbyists who would go to Washington.

MASSACRE ORDERED.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—A dispatch from Constantinople says: The porte has ordered Mustafa Remzi Pasha to attack, with 10,000 troops and two batteries, the city of Zeitoun, and to bombard and destroy it and to massacre the 12,000 Armenians in the city.

FIVE ORPHANS.

BENTON, Ark., Dec. 21.—A farmer named Smith living near here fatally stabbed his wife and then blew out his own brains. The couple had agreed to separate and quarreled over the division of their five children.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER RISING.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 21.—The unprecedented rainfall of the past three days has caused a rise of 16 feet in the Mississippi river. Forty families on the lowlands near Alton, Ill., have been forced to flee to higher ground.

FATAL FALL DOWN STAIRS.

UNION CITY, Ind., Dec. 21.—Samuel Parent fell down stairs sustaining injuries which proved fatal after a few hours. He is supposed to have been stricken by apoplexy, which caused his fall.

STREETCAR STRIKE DECLARED OFF.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 21.—The Union Traction company has agreed to submit to arbitration, and the strike is declared off.

IMPORTANT NEWS PELLETS.

Quality, Not Quantity, Is What You Get From This Dispensary.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—Representatives of the most prominent brewers in Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis met in private here. The meeting was held, according to those present, for the purpose of talking over present conditions of the market.

STATE OF THE GOLD RESERVE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The loss of \$3,400,000 in gold yesterday for export leaves the true amount of the gold reserve \$69,288,080.

Denver Has a Conflagration.

A CRISIS IS NEAR.

Another Special Message Sent to Congress.

FINANCIAL LEGISLATION URGED.

President Again Calls Attention to the Deficient State of the Gold Reserve—Immediate Action—The Cure Lies in a Complete Change of Financial Scheme.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The president has sent the following special message to congress on the financial situation:

In my last annual message the evils of our present financial system were plainly pointed out, and the causes and means of the depletion of government gold were explained. It was therein stated that after all the efforts that had been made by the executive branch of the government to protect our gold reserve by the issuance of bonds amounting to more than \$165,000,000, such reserve then amounted to but little more than \$79,000,000, that about \$16,000,000 had been withdrawn from such reserve during the next month previous to the date of that message, and that quite large withdrawals for shipment in the immediate future were predicted.

The contingency then feared has reached us and the withdrawals of gold since the communication referred to, and others that appear inevitable, threaten such a depletion in our government gold reserve as brings us face to face with the necessity of further action for its protection. This condition is intensified by the prevalence in certain quarters of sudden and unusual apprehension and timidity in business circles.

We are in the midst of another season of perplexity caused by our dangerous and fatuous financial operations. These may be expected to recur with certainty as long as there is no amendment in our financial system. If in this particular instance, our predicament is at all influenced by a recent insistence upon the position we should occupy in our relation to certain questions concerning our foreign policy, this furnishes a signal and impressive warning that even the patriotic sentiment of our people is not an adequate substitute for a sound financial policy.

We should not overlook the fact that aroused fear is unreasonable and must be taken into account in all efforts to avert public loss and the sacrifice of our people's interests.

The real and sensible cure for our recurring troubles can only be effected by a complete change in our financial scheme. Pending that the executive branch of the government will not relax its efforts nor abandon its determination to use every means within its reach to maintain before the world American credit, nor will there be any hesitation in exhibiting its confidence in the resources of our country and the constant patriotism of our people.

In view, however, of the peculiar situation now confronting us, I have ventured to herein express the earnest hope that the congress in default of the inauguration of a better system of finance, will not take a recess from its labors before it has, by legislative enactment or declaration, done something not only to remind those apprehensive among our people that the resources of this government, and a scrupulous regard for honest dealing, afford a sure guarantee of unquestioned safety and soundness, but to reassure the world that these facts and the patriotism of our citizens, the ability and determination of our nation to meet in any circumstances every obligation it incurs do not admit of question.

I ask at the hands of the congress such prompt and as it alone has the power to give and prevent in time of fear and apprehension any sacrifice of the people's interests and the public credit in an effort by executive action to relieve the dangers of the present emergency.

THEY ARE ALL DEAD.

ENYR, N. C., Dec. 21.—Thirty-four bodies have already been found in the shaft where the horrible mine explosion occurred. About 250 pounds of dynamite exploded. The body of the foreman of the dynamite room is missing.

BREWERS COMPARE NOTES.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

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CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT. Included Goods Received on Commission in Their Assets.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 21.—The United States Rubber company of New York brought before a magistrate a charge of embezzlement of \$17,364 against Julius Benckenstein & Company, who failed here last Monday. The allegation is that Benckenstein & Company included in their assets goods received from the plaintiff on commission. The firm was held under \$10,000 bonds, with their receiver as surety.

HANGED HIMSELF.

As Old Man Tired of Life Lays Down His Burden.

CADIZ, O., Dec. 21.—James Hammond, a well known and highly respected citizen of Wheeling, committed suicide by hanging himself with a pair of lines in the barn of William Frater, just east of town. He was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Frater. He wrote a note saying he was tired of life. He was 72 years of age.

Struck a Gusher.

WAPAKONETA, O., Dec. 21.—Oil excitement has broken out afresh here over a rich strike on the Christ Vossler farm, two miles north of town. The well was drilled in by the Home Oil company and is in wildcat territory. It is a gusher, throwing oil to the top of the derrick.

Worked to Perfection.

AKRON, O., Dec. 21.—Mary Knorr, 17, had been told that if she put croton oil in coffee and gave it to a man to drink and it made him sick, it was a sure sign he loved her. She tried it on Albert Porter, 42, who had a narrow escape from death and Mary is now in jail.

His Wound Proved Fatal.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 21.—John Van Dyne, the soldier who attempted to disembowel himself in a hospital a few days ago, died at the hospital. Van Dyne was 75, and was suffering from a broken hip, caused by a fall, when he attempted suicide.

Punched His Eye Out.

PORTSMOUTH, O., Dec. 21.—Henry and Chris Eiderbrand were attacked by a bulling party on their way home, and Chris was so dangerously injured that he is not expected to live. While Henry had his right eye punched out.

Woman Killed in a Mine.

GARFIELD, O., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Charles Culp, wife of a miner, entered the mine after working hours. While picking up a bucket of coal in the entry a heavy fall of slate occurred, which killed her almost instantly.

Receiver For Cleveland Athletic Club.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21.—S. Q. Kornish was appointed receiver of the Cleveland Athletic club, his bond being fixed at \$10,000. It is stated that the claims against the club will aggregate \$65,000.

GOLD SHIPMENTS BLOCKED.

Enough Greenbacks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A curious condition of affairs was developed in connection with the withdrawal of gold from the treasury and assay office for shipment today. In consequence of the sudden tightness of the money market, gold shippers were unable to get enough greenbacks (United States legal tender notes, with which to draw the gold out of the treasury. But for this a much larger amount of gold would be shipped today.

Snowstorms in the West.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 21.—It has been snowing here for 12 hours and dispatches from many Kansas points report a fall of from 5 to 12 inches. Train service is generally impeded and stragglers are out of their tracks. But one passenger train has reached Fort Smith over the Memphis route since Friday noon.

Watermelons in Winter.

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 21.—Jefferson Mills, a farmer, is delivering home-grown watermelons here at \$1 each. He preserved 300 by a process, the secret of which he refuses to divulge. The melons are all right, and Mr. Mills will ask for a patent on a watermelon preserver.

Action on Current Affairs Postponed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Notice is given by Secretary Wilson of the chamber of commerce that the call for the special meeting of the chamber of commerce has been withdrawn because it is considered advisable to await the action of the senate.

Twenty Miners Perish.

DAYTON, Tenn., Dec. 21.—By an explosion of fireamp in the mines of the Dayton Coal and Iron company, 20 men are supposed to have perished. The bodies of five miners have been taken out.

They Killed a Bear.

CORVUS, Pa., Dec. 21.—While two boys were out hunting woodchucks they heard a growl come from an opening in a ledge of rocks and each took a shot into the cavity. A bear weighing 400 pounds rushed out and made for them but they promptly emptied their repeaters into him and he fell over dead.

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### CAPTURED TRAMPS.

DETECTIVE SWARTZ BREAKS UP THE CAMP ALONG THE C. H. V. AND T.

Only Five Were Found Around the Camp Fire When the Officer Put in His Appearance, But He Marched Them All Up To the City Prison.

Detective Swartz, of the C. H. V. and T., made a raid on the gang of tramps that has been encamped along the C. H. V. and T. just north of the city. The five spoke of the camp in its issue of Friday, and the Columbus detective decided to break up the camp if possible. He started to make the raid Thursday night but was prevented.

Friday evening, however, he repaired alone to the scene of the camp fire and was successful in finding five tough looking characters seated about a fire, and preparing the evening meal. He drew his revolver and placing them in line marched them all to the city prison. They were at once taken before Mayor Nichols and after examining the bums, it was thought best not to hold them as there were no charges to be placed against the prisoners, and they were ordered out of the city, with the information that if they were seen in Marion again this winter they would be given a workhouse sentence.

The railroad company and citizens in general have experienced much trouble from this particular gang. They gathered all of the burning material in the neighborhood, and then stole waste from the journal-boxing of the cars to which they touched the match, and it made splendid kindling. Hardly a car passed over the road but what was tampered with by the crowd, and by the time the train would get out of the city there would be hot boxes and fears of the journals being burned off to contend with, and on one or two occasions they came near causing a wreck but it would be a hard matter to identify the guilty ones.

They also stole chickens and what ever they could get their hands on, and have been living there for the past several weeks. They would be gone for a day or two at a time, but would turn up again. At times there has been as high as thirty bums encamped at this place, and some of the burglaries that have occurred in the city are believed to have been their work. During the early part of this week it was known that some of this gang visited most of the grocery stores in town and begged coffee, tea and whatever articles they could secure, and when arrested they had a small supply left, but of course the ruins of Friday night had ruined most of this. During the early part of the week there was a woman with the gang, but she left on Wednesday. The woman has been seen on the streets most every week this winter, and is the one that nearly always bought a pep with the fruits of her alms gathering.

Detective Swartz returned here again today and will try and break up the camp. Not only at this place is he troubled with such people but all along the line of the C. H. V. and T.

**How To Be Happy**  
To prevent disease, preserve health and prolong life, are the objects to be obtained in successful medical practice. Dr. France has made the phenomena of functional and organic diseases the study of his life. Early realizing that disease is discord and health is concord, he uses his best skill in so prescribing for his thousands of patients as to restore concordance of functions, and overcome destructive forces which undermine constitutional vigor. No person whose case has baffled the skill of their family physician should fail to consult Dr. France, who has few if any superiors as a skilled expert in functional and organic diseases. Any invalid who values life, health and happiness, should not miss this opportunity of getting an opinion of his case. A consultation will cost you nothing and may be the means of bringing health and happiness.

Dr. France, of the France Medical Institute, Columbus, Ohio, will visit Marion, Monday, December 22.  
Consultation free and strictly confidential in the private parlor of the Kerr Hotel, from 9 a. m. to 6 p. m. One day only.

Stephen F. Whitman & Sons' Philadelphia candies, the finest in America, for sale at G. C. Clement's.

**They Didn't Wait for Benediction.**  
The Richwood Review says there never was a church congregation so summarily dismissed and wildly stampeded as one in the "Cotton Slash," a few miles from that place, on a recent Sunday evening. Just about the time the strong-lunged, cable colored minister had worked up his congregation to an exciting pitch by portraying the terrible fate of those who should be weighed and found wanting, there ran into the church through the half-open door a little black and white cat with a long bushy tail closely pursued by a big yellow dog. Cat and dog ran down the aisle to the platform on which the preacher was standing. The cat was met by the toe of the preacher's boot, and after a slight struggle the air it landed over among the sisters. When it hit the floor something happened. It was a polecat.

For Sunday school, Candles and nuts at the very lowest figures. Call at U. P. Store.

**The World's Fair Tests showed no baking powder so pure or so great in leavening power as the Royal.**

### APACHE KID'S CAREER.

Was a Good Indian Until His Stepfather Was Murdered.

Apache Kid, the supposed leader of the Indians who have recently resumed their murderous operations, was 19 years ago first sergeant of a company of scouts organized by the government. He is said to have done faithful and excellent service until a white man murdered his stepfather. The Kid shot the slayer and surrendered to the government.



agent authorities at San Carlos. While being taken to the guardhouse, with several other Indians, he escaped, and gathering a lot of bad Indians around him took to the mountains, where he became a series of depredations.

The Kid and his band were finally captured by General Miles, and the Kid was sentenced by court martial to a term of imprisonment at Alcatraz. He was pardoned after he had served a year and was taken back to San Carlos. Then he was recruited at the instance of the civil authorities and tried at Globe, A. T., and sentenced to a long term in Yuma prison. On the way to prison he killed Sheriff Raymond and left the wagon driver for dead and once more escaped to the hills.

Intemperate murders have been committed by him, or at least have been attributed to him. He has pillaged outlying settlements and raided ranches with astonishing audacity.

### A QUEER FIND.

A Petrified Pony Discovered by Cowboys on the Plains.

H. Clay Emmet, a young cowboy, who passed through Belton, Tex., the other night, reports a singular find made by him during a cattle hunting raid recently. The find was nothing more or less than a petrified pony, standing erect and complete in all its parts. Emmet says that he and his partner, B. C. Woodville, were riding across the prairie late one afternoon when their tired ponies nuzzled and whinnied as if they were aware of the presence of another animal.

Looking around, they discovered what they thought was a broncho tethered to a mesquite which crowned the summit of a little knoll to the northward. They found that the horse was fastened by a chain, but stood so rigidly still and seemed altogether so mysterious that their own horses reared and plunged as if in fright. Finally they dismounted and found that the pony was petrified, not a hair or a hoof missing. Emmet says that some ranchman years ago must have chained the poor horse there, leaving him to starve upon the plains. As the ribs of the animal are plainly visible in the petrification and he seems to have been otherwise much emaciated, this is most probably the case. Emmet will arrange to have the strange find exhibited in some museum. —Philadelphia Times

**That Was the Trouble.**  
She—He says his greatest trouble in Paris was to make him self understood.  
He—He should have learned French before he went over.

She—He did!—Chicago Record.  
Another Chance for Mending.  
Having straightened out the Bible, the emancipated woman might now do something for the cookbook. —New York Press.

## MUNYON

Cured Mrs. Julia B. Foss of Sciatic Rheumatism After Six Doctors Failed.

Two Bottles of Munyon's Rheumatism Cure Made a Complete Cure After Twenty Years of Suffering—All of Munyon's Remedies Act Promptly and Cure Permanently.

Mrs. Julia B. Foss, Tampa, Ga., says: "I have had a complication of ailments for the past twenty years and during that time had six doctors and tried innumerable remedies without obtaining a cure. I suffered from sciatic rheumatism, pains in all parts of the body, stiffness of the joints, pain in the back and nervous prostration. Two bottles of MUNYON'S RHEUMATISM CURE have cured me completely. I am like a new woman, and I shall always recommend MUNYON'S REMEDIES above all other remedies."

Munyon's Rheumatism Cure never fails to relieve in 1 to 3 hours, and cures in a few days. Price 25 cents. Munyon's Dyspepsia Cure is guaranteed to cure all forms of indigestion and stomach troubles. Price 25 cents. Munyon's Catarrh Remedies positively cure. Price 25 cents each. Munyon's Kidney Cure quickly cures pains in the back, bladder, or joints, and all forms of kidney disease. Price 25 cents.

Munyon's Vitalizer restores lost power to a worn-out body. A separate cure for each disease. All at drug stores, mostly at 25 cents a bottle.

Personal letters to Dr. Munyon, 1206 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa., answered with free medical advice for any disease.

### HOUSE COMMITTEES.

MORE OR LESS GRUMBLED AT SPEAKER REED'S SELECTIONS.

With a Fair Working Majority the Speaker Is Practically a Dictator of Legislation if He Cares to Exert the Power—Foreign Parliament.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—[Special.]—Now that the speaker of the House has made up his committee list we are beginning to hear from the disappointed ones. It is always so. The men who don't get what they want in the organization of the house always outnumber those who do, and more or less grumbling is inevitable. So far as I am able to judge there is no greater volume of complaints now than was usually heard on the formation of the committees. Speaker Reed has been exceedingly careful and considerate. He made a rule to have frank, friendly talks with all the men to whom he could give the places which they applied to. In this way he has been able to allay much of the feeling which would otherwise have resulted from the numerous disappointments.

**The Speaker's Power.**  
Amid all the talk about committee assignments and the organization of the house I have discovered one very significant note of far greater importance than the fortunes of any single individual. In the opinion of many members of the house with whom I have talked one parliamentary system has been developed, altogether too far in the direction of placing power in one man's hands. These opinions are offered without regard to the present speaker, or any other speaker, and are principally from men who are well content with their committee assignments. It is the system they complain of, and not the action of any individual.

This is distinctly a government by parliament. The president has only to execute the laws. It was never designed by the founders of the government that the law-making power should fall so largely into the hands of one man. This is the case today. After a man has been made speaker of the house, with a comfortable working majority behind him, he becomes so nearly dictator of legislation that it can be said nothing is done without his passing it through the machine, while nearly everything he does is likely to be adopted. The popular branch of congress is tyrannized by its committees. One of the best recognized traditions of Washington is that the committee room must be the floor of congress, the place to effect legislation. This is why the choice committee places are so eagerly sought. Committee assignment means just so much power, or so little.

This is one of the few legislative bads in the world in which the speaker creates the committees. It is scarcely possible to overestimate the power which this places in his hands. If he were simply to create the committees and then retire, his influence upon legislation would be great. But how much greater is it when he remains as the leader of the majority, as is even the chief figure of all the committees, as the controller of order and recognition, as the master who may through his power of leadership say what individuals may or may not do or what this committee or that ought to do or not do, but what the house itself shall do in its collective capacity.

**A Master of Congress.**  
The speaker who cares to exert himself who is by nature aggressive and forceful may easily constitute himself absolute master of the house and its actions in all normal activities. To be master of the house is to be virtually master of congress, and to be master of congress is to be greater power in the government than the president himself. It is a tradition that the old congressmen, who have been in the house for twenty or thirty years, and who have seen the speaker of the house rise to power, think that the speaker of the house is the greatest power in the government. The speaker may make a mistake. He may be a weakling, or he may be a tyrant. But he is the master of the house, and he is the master of congress.

No one complains that at the present time there is any danger of this. The speaker, however, is being used for many good purposes. But the day may come when the people of the United States will be sorry they permitted their parliamentary system to develop into a series of legislative plagues, all revolving about and answerable to a central power.

### European Parliament.

In Great Britain, France and most other European parliaments the speaker is a mere mediator, an umpire. He is not a part in it. He has no purposes to serve, no ambitions to maintain. He is as far as possible the neutral between antagonists. No power is organized in his hands, no responsibility is laid upon him, no trust is placed in him, and the order of business on the floor is placed in the hands of the members. A member of the house tells me he visited Canada last summer and saw the Dominion parliament in session at Ottawa. For two hours he tried to speak and failed in one of the chambers. The speaker stepped in and told him at one end of the hall. Before him were the two members facing one another, and he facing the speaker. During the two hours the speaker did not once word to say. He sat in his long black robe, and with a white cloth over his head, simply the calmest neutrality, but with no more power than upon the preceding days than as if he had been carved out of wood. Order followed, orator without dressing the floor, and when they all appeared to be finished the speaker asked if there were any more speakers. I sat to the right and to the left and saw more put their names down.

**Adding to the Offense.**  
Mrs. Figg—Tommie put a blow upon the speaker's chair when he was calling this afternoon.

Mr. Figg—Tommie put a blow upon the speaker's chair when he was calling this afternoon. A few weeks ago, such a trick was played on some other speaker and he was so shocked by the act that he resigned.

# PRACTICAL PRESENTS.

## THE GREAT Christmas Show IS READY.

THE holiday hum is here in every nook and corner. Every year we gather from far and near a host of pretty things for the feet and this year is no exception. We have a beautiful line of footwear for Ladies, Misses, Men and Boys that would be a useful and much appreciated present. Those that you like the most are likely to be the LEAST EXPENSIVE, and there's no one to object if you only come to look. It is not a bad idea to buy early or at least make your selections before the last moment.

## How to Buy Xmas Presents:

EACH year it is becoming more and more the fad to select something useful as well as beautiful with which to remember relatives and friends, and neat, comfortable Boots, Shoes and Slippers, if properly selected, fill these requirements. Of course one of the most important considerations is to procure



## CORRECT STYLES.



LADIES' Warm Shoes and Slippers,  
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A Full Line of  
MEN'S Enamel Leathers,  
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Shoes for the Misses, Shoes for the Babies, Shoes, Slippers and Rubbers for Everybody. Everybody invited to call and inspect our store. Open evenings.

## TRISTRAM & YOUNG,

UP-TO-DATE SHOE STORE.

## Buy Useful Holiday Presents!

Something to Beautify Your Home.

Our assortment is greater than ever before. The various lines were never nicer, never cheaper! Wonderful Qualities! Wonderful Values!

All-wool Carpets in Handsome Patterns at 39c	Tapestry Curtains, new shades and elegant patterns, per pair \$3.49	Silk Sofa Pillows, down fillings, silk top and bottom: embroidered \$1.79
Tapestry Brussels, New Colorings, at 48c	Rope Portieres, all sizes and colors; a nice one for \$3.00	Silk Head Rests, large size, new shapes, silk, at 79c
Moquette in New Designs with border to match at 85c	Silk Curtains in all grades; new patterns, new colors, a beautiful pair for \$9.00	Banquet Lamps, 19 inch Rochester Lamp, all brass \$1.68
Surgeons Rugs, large size, beautiful colors at \$1.79	Silk Mantle Scarfs; new colors; embroidered and silk fringe \$1.88	Onyx and brass stem, with silk shade or globe at \$2.88
Moquette Rugs, 64 inches long, at \$1.98	Silk Table Covers, embroidery and silk fringe at \$1.29	Onyx and brass stem, cast head, cast base, with fine globe \$4.73
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## FROM OLD MEXICO.

H. M. KERR WRITES INTERESTINGLY  
TO A MARION FRIEND

And Tells of the Wonderful Fertility of the Soil of That Country, Its Freedom from Malaria and Its Great Possibilities.

The STAR, through the courtesy of a citizen, takes pleasure in offering another interesting letter from that genial gentleman, H. M. Kerr.

Mr. Kerr after speaking of several matters purely personal and telling of a bull fight which he witnessed, which, he says, varied in no way from the accounts so often given in the press of similar fights, he says:

"Regarding the agricultural interests of Mexico they are greater than is generally supposed. There is hardly a section of country along the Mexican Central Railway, or other railway lines, that does not offer peculiar facilities for business enterprises of one kind or another, which are assured from the very start a splendid success.

"In the sub-tropical sections—those regions which lie below the frost line and above the torrid and swamp districts of the coast, usually from 200 to 3000 feet above the level of the sea, regions where heavy frosts are unknown, and which are exempt from excessive heat without risk of drought—crops are produced the year round. Vanilla, coffee, tobacco, oranges, corn, beans, ginger, sugar, lemons, citrons, pineapples, bananas, pomegranates, melons, plums, India rubber and all kinds of garden products grow in these regions, and in this connection it might be well to state that we were served with great, luscious strawberries at dinner today.

"The perpetual succession of crops is the rule here. Any day in the year may be both a day of sowing time and harvest. The health conditions of these regions are unsurpassed. The malarial effects which are believed to exist in tropical climates are the exception rather than the rule. The Mississippi valley, the valleys of the Ohio and Missouri are much more malarial than these southern hill-sides, unless everyone here has taken special pains to deceive the traveler.

"Here small farms are the rule, with the occasional exception of a large hacienda ownership, and on these small farms all the products named are raised, the practice being to raise as great a variety of crops as is possible in order to receive a perpetual income, depending, as these people do, for ready money on the exportation of their products. As it is unnecessary to lay up food for the winter, or to invest in heavy clothing or fuel, the profits of the summer are not eaten up during certain months of the year.

"The regions in the vicinity of the port of Tampico, where we spent two days, are really as pleasant as any on the face of the globe. There the transportation facilities are more nearly like those of the United States than in any part of the republic. There, too, coffee does better than in any part of Mexico or, as many contend, in any part of the world. There are navigable rivers to Tampico and land transportation and the railroad. There is a beautiful climate, plenty of rainfall, an abundance of good labor at low prices, and, in fact, all the conditions which go to make up a field for successful agricultural ventures.

"Tampico has a perfect harbor, free from storms and 'northers,' and this port has become a most important one though the greater amount of trade goes to Vera Cruz.

"It was at Tampico that I thought of Colonel Frank Arrowsmith and Mr. Fies and many other Marion followers of Isaac Walton. The fishing is truly magnificent. There is the home of the tarpon as well as almost all varieties of salt and fresh water fish. Six or seven miles out on the Gulf are the banks of red snappers. The lakes and rivers in the vicinity are now literally crowded with ducks, geese, swan and flamingo.

"In the mountains, thirteen miles back from Tampico, are found deer, turkey, pheasant and wild hogs in abundance and Mexican lion and tiger also exist. It's the greatest country imaginable for the sportsman and pleasure seeker and when touring Mexico no one should fail to stop at Tampico.

"It is claimed down here that it is perfectly feasible for a man to run a fruit farm in the States and a plantation in Mexico at the same time. If this be true it offers a delightful way in which to spend the winter and at the same time add to one's income."

After speaking of the great opportunities offered for cattle raising and giving an outline of the way home, Mr. Kerr closes with kindest regards to all his Marion friends.

The "Victoria" Sweeper makes the finest Christmas present in the world. Sold only by Kling & Wilson. 18110

Call on C. E. Wiley, the ticket broker, and get a time card corrected to date, free. 22-17

The giving of a 25¢ article with a one dollar purchase, and a 10¢ article with a 50¢ purchase, at the Marion Bazar is still continues, on either holiday goods or staples. 2183aw

Did you ever try those 20 cent fruit cakes? If not, now is your time. Have a nice lot of them. 2164

PEANON'S BAKERY.

The U. S. Gov't Reports show Royal Baking Powder superior to all others.

You believe in pure food, you buy the best flour, the best eggs, the best sugar, yet you have not tried the best baking powder unless you have used Cleveland's.

"Pure and Sure."

# Cleveland's BAKING POWDER.

But judge for yourself. Try a can.

## TOWN TOPICS.

Our citizens have reason to rejoice as the past day or two evidence has been furnished that the city street sweeper has not strayed to a more congenial climate.

As the fresco and art glass contracts on the new Presbyterian church building have been let, but little remains open to contractors outside of the contracts for furnishing the pews, the carpets and the gas and electric light fixtures.

Thursday evening Mr. J. E. McNeal gave a little company at his home on Gospel Hill in honor of the arrival home of Harry Fisher and also as a mark of respect to W. G. Neff, who leaves soon for Anderson, Ind. The occasion was a pleasant one, heartily enjoyed by all.

Invitations were distributed for a company to be given Saturday evening, December 28, by Mrs. E. P. Fisher, at her home on north Prospect street, in honor of her granddaughters, the Misses Fisher. The hour named is 8 o'clock. The affair will be an enjoyable one without doubt.

Now that the opera house proper is under roof it has been found necessary to have artificial light to enable the carpenters and steam fitters to continue their labors until 5:30 o'clock each evening. The steam fitters are using oil torches but the carpenters are working under an arc light.

Tax Inquisitors Cook and McFarland have already paid into the county treasury \$8,500 and their work in this county is only about one-third finished. Only a few of the large cases have yet been handled, so it is reasonable to suppose that the amount which will be collected by the inquisitors will be in the vicinity of \$20,000.

Billy Bland's friends are having great fun with him these days. Billy had a friend visiting him this week and the boys, one at a time, gave the friend the tip that Billy was as good a fellow as lived but—that he was unduly fond of drink. At first Billy didn't tumble but finally he caught on and if he don't get even with the gang it won't be his fault.

Some man, boy or boys take delight in pulling brick off the piles along south Main street and throwing them on the sidewalk. As the piles of brick range from three to four feet in height the walk is completely shadowed and the pedestrian knocks the toes off his shoes in trying to make his way to and from home. Anyone who does a trick like this should be slightly punished—not seriously injured but just shot out of a cannon or something like that.

One of the local magicians who ordinarily sails under the title of "Insurance Agent," has a regular out-and-out insurance agent's watch. It does not differ in appearance from the ordinary timepiece, but study it carefully and you will discover that the minute hand moves only five minutes in an hour. So when the solicitor comes around and, laying the watch on your desk, asks you for five minutes of your precious time, you have only to keep your eye on the watch to help rob yourself of an hour.

J. S. Goodnow was in the butcher business long enough to appreciate a good steak, consequently whenever he came upon a nice piece of beef he would buy a goodly supply of succulent tenderloin steaks and send them to the hotel for his own individual use. Mr. Goodnow realized that these supplies didn't last as long as they should but couldn't understand it until he made the discovery that his friends were putting up a job on him and ordering their steaks from his private supply. Mr. Goodnow is no longer investing in steaks.

A little investigation will develop the fact that the average cost of the watches worn by our professional and business men is about \$5 or possibly \$6. In the course of a day's ramble about town you may occasionally run against a "stop" watch or a "split second" but the average lawyer, doctor, banker or merchant is content to carry a \$1.00 Waterbury. Why such is the case is a mystery but the mystery exists. One of our bankers is particularly fond of his \$1.00 timekeeper and when, once a week, he compares it with a chronometer and finds that he is ten seconds off he invariably inquires of the jeweler, "Isn't your clock a little off?"

A lady writes the STAR asking if it cannot suggest some method by which the Christmas present giving may be obviated, stating that quite frequently Christmas time is looked forward to with dread for the reason that many do not feel able to give presents in return for those they receive from their friends. It's a hard problem to solve but much expense might be done away with if the ladies would organize a league in which one present only should be purchased and it passed around. Mrs. A. to Mrs. B. and so on until it had made the circle and came back to Mrs. A. But, shaw, that wouldn't do for, to appear generous, all would want to purchase the present.

## AT CALEDONIA

The Schools Close a Profitable Term. Notes and News.

CALEDONIA, Dec. 20.—Dr. McMurray, of Marion, was called to Caledonia on Wednesday in consultation with Dr. Stone, in the case of Mrs. J. K. Landes, an aged lady, who has been sick for several weeks.

Miss Estella Harrold came home from Delaware Wednesday where she has been attending school, to spend the holidays with her parents and friends. Miss Lucy French, teacher of our A and B grammar school, left yesterday afternoon for her home at Johnsville to attend the wedding of a friend and spend the holidays with relatives.

The Caledonia schools will close today for a two weeks' vacation. This has been a successful term, teachers and scholars all doing good work and everything passing off smoothly. There will be literary exercises in the different rooms this afternoon and scholars will be treated by the teachers.

G. C. Rinker, administrator of the T. W. Roberts estate, was at Marion yesterday settling and filing his final account with the probate judge.

It may be of interest to many STAR readers in and around Marion to learn that Adam Baker, an aged and prosperous farmer living near Johnsville, Morrow county, was buried yesterday at the Shauk cemetery. Kidney trouble was the cause of his death.

Miss Mary Bayles, who came home from Toledo sick a short time ago, is not improving in health as friends would desire to see her.

Henry Halstaetter, of Galion, was in our village Thursday on business and looking after the interests of the Hill saloon.

Mr. Rick, of Galion, was in town visiting his son, H. L. Rick, on Thursday.

John Hanley and wife drove to Marion on business today.

Winter millinery for Christmas time, at clearance prices, at Jennie Thomas', 2d door west of postoffice.

## THIS THAT AND THE OTHER.

Detective Swartz, who was here for the C. H. V. and T. Friday, is a graduate from the newspaper ranks, and was at one time connected with the Columbus Press-Post. He was serving in the capacity of police reporter at the time that he took his present position. Mr. Swartz never forgets the newspaper boys when he has something good, and he was in the business long enough to know a news item when he sees it.

At Nevada a company is being organized to go to Cuba and assist in fighting for the freedom of that country. Dr. Gregg is at the head of the movement. The doctor is pretty well known here.

Of the tramps that have stopped at the Hotel Carlos, not one has as yet registered himself as a printer. They are obliged to register their names, place of residence and occupation. Men have registered from all over the country, and in nearly every walk in life, but among the large number not one printer is found.

In some lines this year the holiday trade has not been up to the standard, but in others it has been far ahead of anything ever experienced.

The Shanty club will likely give its annual banquet some time in January. At that time two of its members will make their last addresses as bachelors. STAR readers will have but little trouble in guessing their names. One of the boys can be found about the court house but the other one is residing out of town. They are both good fellows and the Shanty club loses two of its best patrons by their "taking off."

The Marion polo team is getting in good shape and will give a first-class entertainment Christmas. They play with Kenton, and are tackling something pretty good when they get after the Hardin county youths.

Many a lady or miss would think a nice winter hat a very appropriate and acceptable Christmas present. It is surprising what a sensible turn so many minds are taking. We are selling at winter clearance prices, but the millinery is none the less valuable.

Mrs. J. N. W. THOMAS, 125 W. Center street.

The fine mixed creams and standard chocolates manufactured by John F. Lust and put up in pairs are first-class goods and just what you should buy in that line for your little ones and school children. 20-18-wk

Sunday, or day school teachers, purchasing a large quantity of holiday gifts for their schools at the Marion Bazar will receive a special discount. 2183aw

Don't forget me for Christmas turkeys and all kinds of poultry. 21-5 J. L. F. OSTROM.

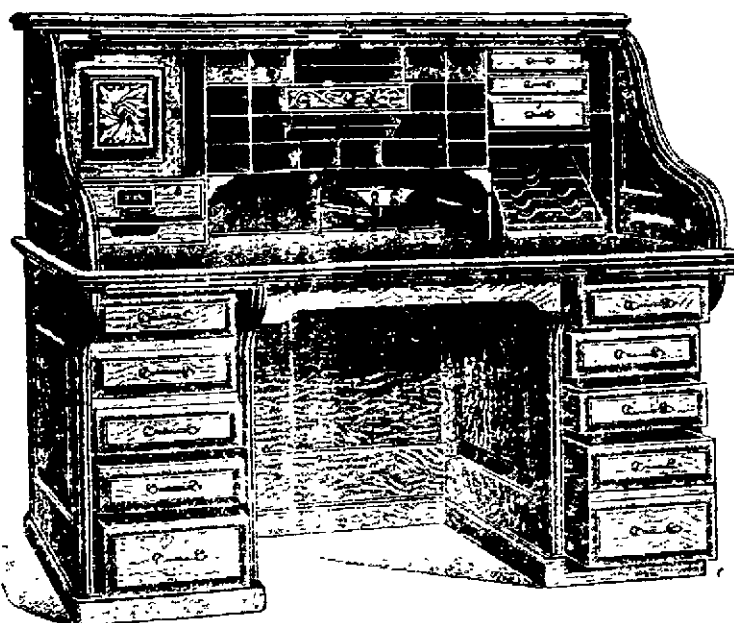
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# GREAT HOLIDAY DISPLAY

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## Sale of Furniture

AT FIES' FURNITURE STORE.



WHAT shall I buy for a Christmas present? This question has often been considered, and is no doubt now agitating the minds of a great many people as the holidays are approaching. Perhaps I can help you to solve the problem. There is nothing that you can buy that is more suitable and appropriate than a nice piece of furniture. I wish to call your attention to the immense and very elegant line of furniture I am offering, and as a reminder I will mention only a few of the many articles suitable for Christmas presents.

## CHAMBER SUITS

In all the latest designs, in curly birch, oak, ash and maple, at various prices to meet the wants of all purchasers.

## PARLOR FURNITURE,

Couches, lounges, easy chairs, etc., in all the various coverings, such as leather, brocatelle, tapestry, plush, rug, corduroy, etc.

## LIBRARY AND OFFICE FURNITURE.

I am showing a very fine line of office desks, combination and revolving book-cases. Office and library tables and chairs at astonishingly low prices.

## CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES.

I invite you to examine my line as I am confident I can please you both as to quantity, quality and price.

## UPHOLSTERED ROCKERS

In all the various styles of cobbler seats, leather, brocatelle, tapestry, plush, etc. All nice Christmas presents.

## REED AND RATTAN GOODS.

I have them in all the latest styles. The ever popular reed and rattan goods are shown in the most beautiful patterns ever produced and at greatly reduced prices. My line consists of rockers, easy chairs, music racks, work baskets, etc.

## DINING ROOM FURNITURE.

A nicely furnished dining room is the pride of all good wives. I am prepared to furnish your dining room with sideboard, extension table, chairs, china closet, etc., from the most elaborate to the cheapest.

## MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

Such as folding beds, fancy tables and stands, ladies' dressing tables, children's chairs, commodes, blacking cases and all kinds of medium and low priced furniture.

## CALL EARLY

And get the the choice of selection. Remember that the prices on all goods have been greatly reduced, and I offer special inducements to cash buyers.

# William Fies, No. 135 S. Main Street

## Fies-Kling Block.

## SPOT CASH WITH HIS BRIDE.

Widow of Seventy-four Pays \$20,000 For a Young Husband.

Mrs. Sarah Ray of Indianapolis, a widow of 74, announced several days ago she would marry again, and if any young man of good character and good family was the suitor she would make him a present of \$20,000.

George Brown, a society man of 26 thereupon paid court to the widow and was accepted. In the meantime her heirs at law began lunacy proceedings against her, but the jury found she was sane.

Fearing that other steps would be taken to prevent the nuptials, Brown and Mrs. Ray eloped and were married by a peace justice in an adjoining county.

As the ceremony that made them man and wife was concluded she handed her husband a check for \$20,000.

## Aftermath of the Earthquake.

Another queer happening attributed to the recent earthquake that shattered up through the middle states from the gulf to the lakes is that many wells have gone dry and not a few cisterns and reservoirs have become empty since the shock. In the case of the latter it is probable that the cement cracked or the construction was otherwise weakened, but this explanation does not entirely explain the case of the wells. The bottom of a well in Lago township, near Wabash, Ind., dropped out entirely, and nothing that has been used to sound the depths of the hole has touched the bottom. To all appearances there is an immense cavern under the well hole.

## Paderewski's Modesty.

A well known bongo player of Richmond sent his nickel plated bongo to Paderewski when the latter was dining with some friends and asked him to write on the sheepskin a short musical sentiment. This is what Paderewski wrote and signed:

"I have not the pleasure of being a performer on this beautiful instrument, am only a piano player."

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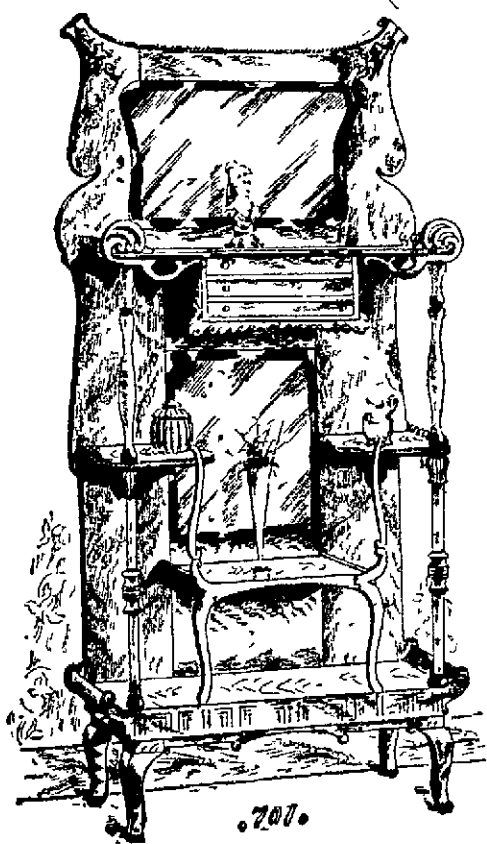
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# AN UP-TO-DATE HOME FURNISHING STORE!



**T**HAT'S what we have been trying to give to Marion people. A place where they can confidently expect to find a variety of the very newest and nicest things in Furniture, Stoves, Carpets, Dishes, Lamps, etc. We believe this fall we have succeeded, and we now have the pleasure of inviting you to an inspection of our stock, and especially that portion of it which is more interesting than any other at this season of the year. There will be no band of music, no flowers—but you will not miss them because we think you will be sufficiently entertained and repaid for the visit in other ways. From today until Christmas we extend this invitation, and nothing will be left undone to make your visit a pleasant one whether you wish to buy or not. Few people comparatively seem to appreciate the fact that a furniture store, and particularly a Home Furnishing Store, is the place to visit for Christmas goods. What a wealth of beautiful, dainty, useful things greet one upon every hand! Let us give you a little hint of what we have for you to see and buy:

## Mahogany Parlor Cabinets!

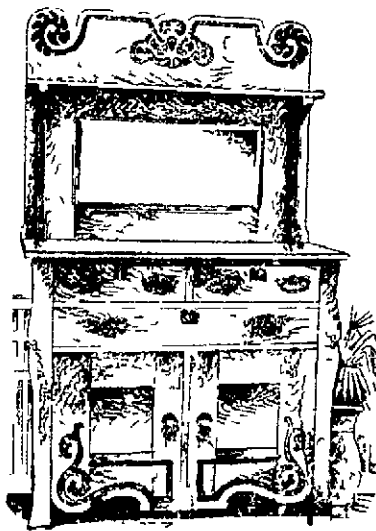
One of our cuts shows you something of what we have in high class, fancy Furniture. This Cabinet is certainly a beauty. Solid Mahogany, Three French Beveled Mirrors, glass doors in front, stands five feet high! Price, \$23.00. Others we have at \$30, \$25 and down to \$7.50.

### MUSIC CABINETS.

Mahogany, Birch, Oak! You can see yourself in the finish and what a pretty and appropriate present! Prices range from \$5 00 to \$15 00.

### TABOURETTES! TABLES! STANDS!

Endless in Variety and Design! Any kind of wood you want!

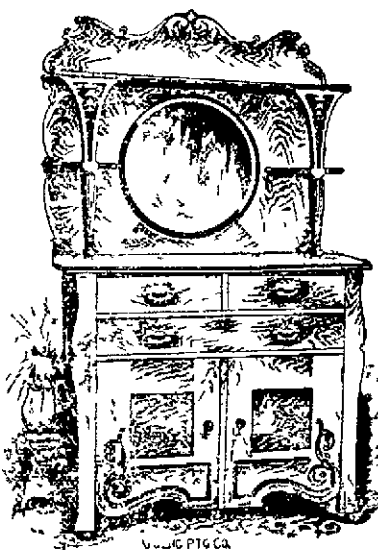


### CHIFFONNIERS!

The most convenient piece of furniture in the home. It makes a good present, too! 6 large, fine drawers, bonnet box, mirror! \$10 to \$20. any wood or finish

### BLACKING GASES AND... FOOT STOOLS!

Always in demand at this season. We've got a nice lot. You can be suited surely. Prices \$1 75 to \$5 00.

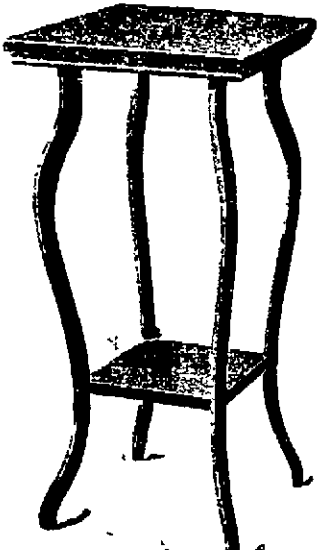


### Banquet Lamps!

Nothing nicer in the world to give away or to keep yourself. There is a wide range in prices. No one can sell as cheap as we do. A beautiful lamp, \$2.50, complete.

### RATTAN WORK BASKETS AND MUSIC RACKS!

You know how pretty they are and how durable and convenient. The price is small, too!



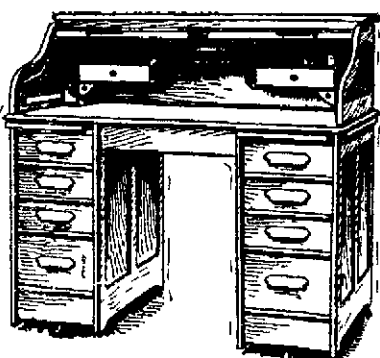
## MIRRORS.

We are making a specialty this year of fine mirrors. Gold, silver, steel, oak, white and gold frames. Just the thing for mantels or parlors. \$8.50 to \$12.00

### Library and Office Desks.

See the cut. What would make a nicer present? We carry a full stock of office furniture.

Revolving Library Book Cases, Book Racks, Book Rests and Holders.



## LADIES' Desks and Secretaries Onyx

Never such a variety to select from in Marion, and at prices that are sure to suit you. Just think of an elegant drop leaf secretary with drawers, pigeon-holes, book racks, etc. It would delight any boy or girl, any young man or young woman. Price \$4.00, others up to \$25.

### Gentlemen's Toilet or Dresser.

Just the thing to give your father, brother, sweetheart. Every man wants a nice little case to shave by. This is just the thing. Sorry haven't a cut of it. Come and ask to see them.

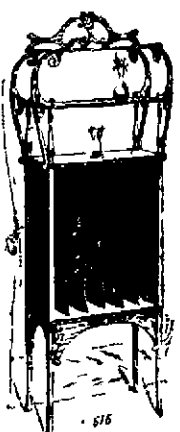
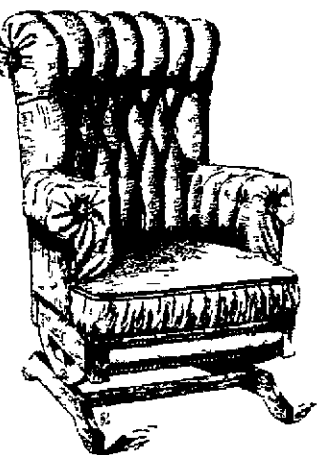


## Stands

Just a nice little lot of pretty stands in this line, but they are at a price you can reach and still have something fine.

### Haviland China.

We've told you of this before. Open stock. Sell you anything out of it. Either white or decorated. Beautiful China. Semi-Porcelain Dinner sets \$7.50 to \$15.



## EASELS AND PICTURES

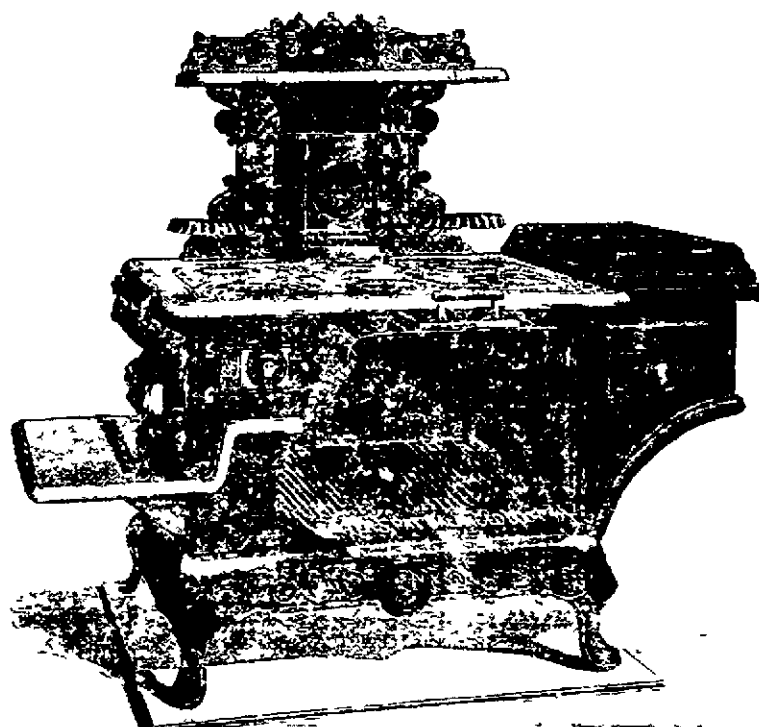
They are pretty. Are as necessary to the complete furnishing of a home as a nice carpet, and cost but little. We have a nice lot to show you. Easels 75 cents to \$5.00. Pictures 50 cents to \$5.00.

## Couches and Lounges!

If you only knew how much of solid comfort you are missing by doing without a nice Couch or Lounge you would not hesitate to invest such a small amount necessary to get one. We are proud of our line. We have anything you want.

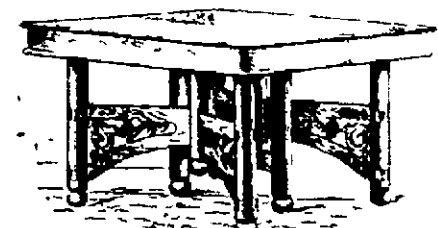
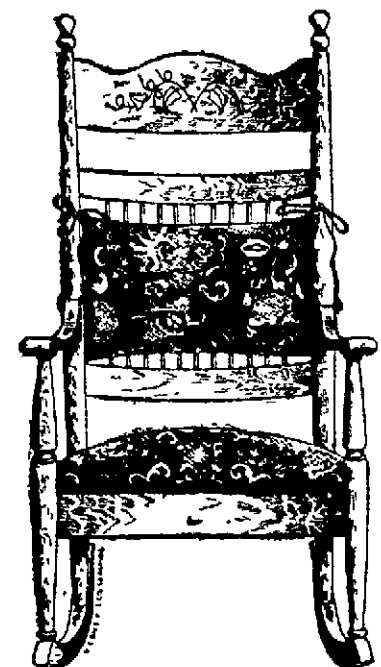
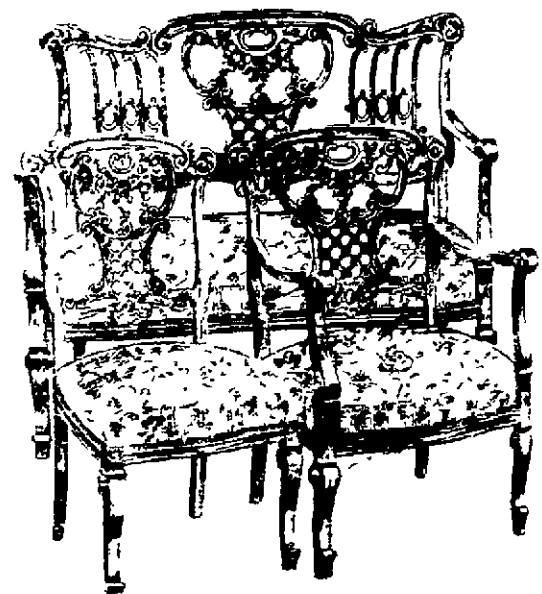
### Can You Come?

We Want to See You!



A Beautiful COUCH For \$9.50.

Ask to See It.



Got Something to Show You.

CHAS. W. McCLAIN,

New Y. M. C. A. Bld., Marion, Ohio.









## BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.

A good thing is always imitated.  
These so-called

## "Smokeless Coals" Smoke.

Get the genuine Pocahontas, the  
only real smokeless coal, of us.

## THE PRENDERGAST Lumber and Coal Co.

## What Do You Think?

Sensible Christmas giving is conceded the proper and fashionable thing, nowadays. A pronounced authority on fashionable fancies says "My lady's Christmas gift this year will be shoes--its the fad."



Fad or no fad, it's a mighty sensible thing. Every daughter of Eve is interested in her footwear. A swell shoe brings delight. It's our business to supply your wants in this line.



## Swell Holiday Footwear.

### Ladies' 20th Century Shoes.

The latest--an extreme pointed toe, tailor made for the fin de siècle woman

### Ladies' Enamel Shoes--

A heavy winter shoe, but very stylish and always comfortable

### Men's Shoes

In the raging Enamel.  
In the Patent Leather.  
In the Winter Tan;  
In the Box Calf.



The late things as you find them in the best city stores--only our prices are less. Cork soles for those who prefer them.

### Complete Variety of Men's Slippers.

Get the size right and you please the man. Making home comfortable is made easier if the men have the right slippers.

## J. E. RHOADS.

South Main Street.

## FOR THE CHILDREN

### THE CHURCHES ARE PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS

The Happiness of the Little Folks To Be Looked After With Tender Solitude The Advent of "the Old Man of the North."

Marion churches, without a single exception, are preparing entertainments of some kind in honor of Christmas, calculated to cheer the hearts of the little ones and add to the cheerfulness of the happy season. The Star has endeavored to learn what will be the programs at the various churches with the result as given below:

On Christmas night the Calvary Evangelical Sabbath school children will be given a treat, and an entertainment is to follow, with an address by the pastor.

The German Evangelical Protestant church, on east Church street, will treat the children on Christmas night, and a treat will be given to the children from a huge Christmas tree and a program is to follow. In the forenoon a Christmas sermon is to be preached by the pastor at 10 o'clock. The church is to be elaborately decorated for this occasion.

The Christian church, on north Main street, is to have a Santa Claus on Christmas night. He will attend to the wants of the little ones and the larger ones as well. In fact all of the members of the Sunday school are to be treated.

The State street Baptist church is to have Santa Claus. Pastor Bartley says the children must have a treat, for if it were not for them there would not be much Christmas. The services will not be elaborate, but enough to satisfy the little folks.

There is a surprise in store for the children of the Presbyterian Sunday school. The manner in which the treat is to be given and the entertainment is novel, but is being kept a strict secret. Then the children are to make an offering to the poor, and all will contribute their share to the less fortunate and an endeavor will be made to make their Christmas a happy one.

A Christmas festival is to be given at the German M. E. church Christmas night. A program is to be rendered, and the children are to have a treat. The affair is on an elaborate scale, and it would take too much space to go into detail in regard to the matter, but suffice it to say that none of the children of that Sabbath school will be forgotten on this celebrated occasion.

The United Brethren congregation and Sunday school have prepared special services for Christmas eve. "There will be no tree, but a program is to be rendered by the Sunday school members, and then it will close with a rare treat for the children and one which they all can enjoy.

Rev. Withoff will have a Christmas tree for the children of his Sabbath school at the Reformed church, and from this will be distributed a treat to the children. There will be a program of songs and recitations and all that goes to make a happy Christmas time.

At the Lutheran church there will be the regular Christmas sermon at 10 a. m. In the evening comes the entertainment for the Sunday school. "Christmas Joy" is the title of the entertainment. It will consist of songs and recitations. There will be a treat for the children and a collection for the orphans.

At St. Mary's church there will be High Mass at 6 o'clock, and Second Mass will occur at 7 o'clock. Last Mass will be celebrated at 9 o'clock, and immediately after Last Mass will follow the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Christmas eve exercises at the Epworth M. E. church will be in the way of a novelty. There will be a program of exercises rendered by the little ones, but the great point of interest will be a large Dutch windmill, about fifteen feet high, which will round out ready for all.

There will be a Christmas tree and singing by the little ones at St. Paul's church Christmas eve. The church will be handsomely decorated and packages of candy will be distributed to the little ones.

There will be appropriate exercises at the Free Baptist church Christmas eve. The church will be decorated, the chief decoration being a large evergreen crown.

Christmas trees, holly festooning, evergreens and fresh cut flowers, fresh and crisp radishes, lettuce and celery at F. E. Blake's, on Garden City pike, telephone 12. w.f.s.m.

### Christmas Entertainment.

All parents having children in the main room of the primary department of Law with M. E. Sunday school are requested to send them to the room at 7 p. m. Sunday to practice singing for Christmas entertainment.

M. A. G. Cross, Secy.

For cigars, by the box, for Christmas present, call on J. H. Smiler. Finest cigars in the city. f.s.m.

### Holiday Excursion.

The Big Four route will sell holiday excursion tickets to all points on its lines Dec. 21, 23, and Jan. 1 good until Jan. 2, 1896 at one and one-third fare for round trip.

2105 A. C. Town, Agt.

Winter military for Christmas time, at Lawrence, Kansas at Fort Thomas, 2100 west of post office.

For my four boys, then all a treat and it's all right too. Ask your greener. Al sell it. Btl.

We call your attention To . . . . .

## Gloves

Which are always very useful.

75c

Will buy a regular \$1.00 glove until after Christmas--all the newest styles and colors. We also have the exclusive agent in Marion for the

CELEBRATED "CETEMER" GLOVES . . . .

Beware of fraud and imitation.



### BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.

All the new shades for this season's trade

### Stamped Linens.

All designs, now this season--lowest prices. We carry constantly on hand stock and ready to ship to the West. Each lot of the best quality, and at the lowest prices. Write for prices and samples to J. E. Rhoads, 111 North Main Street, Marion, Mo.

A Few Imported Dress Patterns

FOR THE LADY

We Sell the Best Carpet Sweeper.

## D. YAKE.

111 North Main Street

### Real Estate Transfers.

George C. Jenner to David Sears, 17 acres in Richland township, p. 251.

H. P. Feaster and wife to H. W. Sager, lots 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53 in New Bloomington \$2400.

John B. Schneider to Katharine Schneider, lot 255 in Mechanics addition to Marion, \$1.

H. M. Cheney and wife to Francis O. M. Cheney, 10 acres in Big Island township, \$300.

Mary Ryan to John C. Markert and Jacob Schoenlaub, lot 3-80 in Mary Ryan's first addition to Marion, \$500.

Edward McGrath to Lawrence McGrath, 3 1/2 acres in Marion, \$1.

Edward McGrath to James McGrath, 2 1/2 acres in Marion, \$1.

Edward McGrath to Michael McGrath, 132 acres in Marion, \$1.

Edward McGrath to Patrick E. Bay, trustee, tract of land in Marion, \$1.

Ephraim B. Nonnett and wife to Henry B. Lann, tract of land in Grand Prairie township, \$50.

J. H. Foos and wife to Wm. Cull and others, 25 1/2 acres in Richland township, \$600.

T. P. Wallace, administrator of the estate of Jacob Power, to Marion A. Palmer, 61 23-100 acres in Clinton township, \$1800.

### M. E. Christmas Market.

For M. E. market will be held in the basement of the church next Tuesday, December 27.

On account of the entertainment Christmas eve the M. E. market will be held at 9 a. m. and close at 5 p. m.

A persons for singing, the M. E. market are requested to be at the church at the church by 10 a. m. on Dec. 27.

### Probate Court.

Henry Wess, administrator of the estate of Malania Lindberg, deceased, filed second and final account. Hearing Feb. 1, 1896.

James Britton Jr., administrator of the estate of James Britton Sr., deceased, filed an inventory and appraisal of personal property.

G. G. Linker, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Thomas W. Roberts, deceased, filed third and final account. Hearing Feb. 1, 1896.

Michael McGrath, appointed administrator of the estate of Edward McGrath, deceased. Bond of \$200 approved.

H. F. Edmund Hill was appointed guardian of the property of Miles D. Culp, bond of \$500 approved.

A. C. Edmundson, assignee of Morgan E. Burke, filed report of appraisement of real estate. Report approved and probate ordered.

Marriage license issued to Henry Johnston and Alta Anderson.

Attorney, Ladies of the Grand Army.

Marion Circle, No. 29, holds its annual election of officers next Monday at 2 p. m. Every member should make an extra endeavor to be present at this most important meeting of the year.

Choir Practice.

There will be choir practice at the Presbyterian church tonight at 7 o'clock. Special music for Christmas services to be practised.

D. B. Baker, Director.

Religious goods of 1000 Santa Claus Bazaar and receive a dollar purchase, or a 10 article with a purchase, 2400.

# YAKE'S

Open Every Evening

UNTIL 9:30 O'CLOCK

UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS

To enable those who cannot come during the day, and to those who find us so busy they may have to wait, notwithstanding the fact that we have largely increased our force of help, and will take care of your Christmas wants. To accomplish this we offer the following bargains without fear of competition for the following reasons:

We are prepared for a large trade!

Bought a great many goods!

Time short to dispose of them!

Therefore, the prices are reduced!

## A Beautiful Cup and Saucer Free

After Dinner

With each cash purchase of \$1.00 and up.

## Cloth, Fur and Plush

### JACKETS AND CAPES

To close at your own price--ladies', misses' children's.

### RUGS--Moquette.

70c  
\$1.69  
\$2.69  
Russian  
Red  
Fur  
Rugs  
\$2.25 up

### BABY CLOTHES

BEAUTIFULLY  
FINED AND  
ELEGANT \$1.79 UP

And all the best makes \$1.89 up

## USEFUL Xmas GIFTS.

### Ladies' Handkerchiefs.

5000 Children's School Handkerchiefs 1c Each.

2000 Fancy Bordered Handkerchiefs 2c Each.

1000 Extra fine bordered Handkerchiefs 2 1/2c.

3000 Fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs 5c.

25 Doz. Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs 10c.

100 Doz. Exclusive Patterns, all the newest novelties, Lowest Prices.

100 Doz. Ladies' Silk Handkerchiefs 10c up.

Gentlemen's Handkerchiefs.

100 Doz. Gent's Large size handkerchiefs 5c.

4 Doz. Gent's Large size linen handkerchiefs 10c.

5 Doz. Gent's extra fine linen Initial handkerchiefs 25c.

25 Doz. Gent's large size, silk Initial and plain handkerchiefs 49c.

UMBRELLAS--

100 Doz. Ladies' silk Umbrellas 99c Worth \$1.75

Newest style handles.

400 Gent's Umbrellas--large variety, small handles, lowest prices.

50 Doz. Cashmere and Silk Mufflers, 2c up.

Hosiery, Underwear, Fascinators, etc.

Special prices for the Holiday trade.

## Have You Seen

The Handsome Display of

## Delphit China,

The Celebrated

## Wedgewood Ware!

And the Lovely

## B. & H. Banquet Lamps

At the People's Store?

If you want to please your wife with a suitable and useful Christmas Present let Santa Claus bring her a nice Harland China or Maudock's Semi-Porcelain Dinner Set or one of those Beautiful Chamber Sets, or Lamp. The People's Store is headquarters for the best Lamps, Chinaware and Holiday Presents in the city.

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Local News

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SATURDAY - - - DECEMBER 21

This war talk is to be regretted just at the Christmas season. Johnny will want a gun.

The telephone company should not trifle with the affections of the city council too long. It may get bold of a live wire.

Governor Altgeld don't like the president's message supporting the Monroe doctrine. But if Altgeld liked it nobody else would.

It is to be hoped that public excitement over Venezuelan affairs will subside before the Ohio legislature goes into session. There is no telling what the legislators might do if they found out nobody was watching them.

All Ohio will stay by Cincinnati in her efforts to secure the national democratic convention. The Queen City is all right. She has splendid hotels, first-class railroad facilities and, connoisseurs tell us, excellent beer.

It is unfair to assume that the Democrats were opposed to Joe Shaw having a big lot of jail birds to begin with. Sheriff-elect Shaw has no hesitancy in saying that he prefers the delivery to have been now than immediately after January 5.

The annual report of the infirmity board, published today, is a very interesting document. The poor of Marion county cost a considerable sum, besides the maintenance of the infirmity farm, and it is interesting to the tax-payer to know the trend of the outlay.

If the presidential boom managers expect Speaker Reed to trip himself on knotty public questions they will no doubt suffer disappointment. Mr. Reed is not talking much on public questions, not if there is a chance of disabling his own boom thereby. When asked recently what he considered the most important matter before the people, he replied: "How to dodge a bicycle."

St. Louis now wants the democratic national convention. If this desire grows out of an ambition on the part of that enterprising city to nominate the next president, there does not appear any reason why it should go to the extra expense of securing the second convention. The one already dated will answer the purpose.—Marion Star.

That isn't it at all. They merely wish to have a party of gentlemen among them after the mob is gone, to take the taste out of their mouths. Just as one takes a swallow of water after a dose of nasty medicine.—Bucyrus Forum.

But by what authority do you make use of water in drawing comparisons in which a democratic convention is interested? Your joke is plain enough without going to such absurd extremes.

The value of our piked roads and paved streets never proved more striking than just now. The streets have lifted us out of the mud and slush onto a firm footing. The comparison of a paved street and one of the disagreeably muddy streets confirms the paving advocate in the conviction that he favored a good cause, even if the burden is a heavy one. And the pikes speak for themselves, by bringing to Marion these days trade that is naturally tributary to closer trading points. The mud roads are next to impassable, and the trade centers that have no piked roads

## THE CITY IN BRIEF.

The school teachers of Marion township were in session this afternoon at the court house.

The two-day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Blair, of Patterson street, died this morning. The funeral will occur tomorrow.

The windows and doors of St. Mary's new church are being boarded up and there will be no more work on the edifice until spring.

The Steam Shovel company paid its employees today, four days ahead of its scheduled pay day, to give employees their wages for the Christmas season.

On the evening of the fourth Wednesday in January the Knights of the Macabees will install their officers and give a banquet to the members and friends of the order.

The Rebekahs' Christmas entertainment will be a masquerade box social, and will be given on Christmas eve at the hall of the lodge. A program will also be rendered on that occasion.

Marshal Blain left today for Cleveland, taking Charles White with him. White is believed to be an all-round thief, and it is thought that he came here for the purpose of looting the town.

George Bebout was released from the city prison this afternoon. His money did not arrive from Knox county, and the mayor concluded that he had been punished sufficiently and allowed him to depart.

Miss Dea May Dix, of Delaware, is in the city today with the intention of organizing a class in elocution and physical culture. Miss Dix is a graduate of the Columbia School of Oratory of Chicago.

The "At Home" cards of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Franz were issued today to their many Marion friends. Mr. and Mrs. Franz will be at home at 228 east Mansfield street, Bucyrus, after January 1, 1896.

The Norris & Christian Lime and Stone company this week placed the largest order for explosives ever made in Marion. The order included one ton of dynamite, which is to be used in rock blasting.

The executive committee of the Farmers' institute met at the agricultural room in the court house this afternoon, to settle up the year's business and appoint vice presidents for the various townships in the county.

The case of the B. F. Hedges Buggy company against W. B. DeLong, J. G. Stark and Jacob Huggins, as constable, was settled in the court of Squire McKinley this morning, by Stark paying the costs and retaining the buggy and harness. The constable will now put up the buggy and harness for sale.

H. F. Snyder left Friday evening for Monett, Mo., in response to a message calling him to that place to take a position in the division offices of the Santa Fe. This is quite a promotion, and while Mr. Snyder was anxious to remain here over the holidays, he will hasten back to assume his new duties.

There was some excitement caused on west Center street early Friday evening by a fight at the Vestibule. Deafy Beck, the gambler, got into a quarrel with some one connected with the house and a couple of blows were struck, but the matter was quieted down without the assistance of the police.

Mrs. W. H. Parkinson arrived home from Chicago this morning. She has no more definite information relative to the death of her husband other than the demise was the immediate result of an attack of heart failure. The remains are expected to reach Marion Tuesday night, and it is expected that the funeral will occur on Christmas day.

Some of Superintendent Powell's friends are accusing him of sanctioning dancing and are instancing the "Popcorn Drill" at the children's entertainment last night. His friends tell him that such drills won't do for a Methodist class leader but the professor says he isn't guilty; that the pupils were all drilled by a good Presbyterian.

Mayor Nichols is having an investigation made to learn who has been driving heavy loaded wagons over the curbing. The curbing has been chipped in several places in this manner and it is likely to be ruined. The mayor has ordered any person found doing such an act arrested, and he says that he will make an example of them if they were brought before him.

Says the Latue News: "Dr. C. E. Sawyer, of Marion, greatly surprised his Methodist church friends last Sunday morning, when they received a check for one hundred dollars for the building fund of the new church. The subscription was made on behalf of himself and his most estimable wife, both of whom have a host of friends here, where they resided for a number of years."

A telegram was received from Geneva, Ind., Friday night, from the father of one of the boys now imprisoned here, asking the mayor to hold them and saying that a letter would follow.

Both Brayton and Miller put in the day very comfortably, playing cards and smoking cigarettes. The youngsters do not seem to mind their imprisonment in the least and are taking things very comfortably. There is no doubt but what they are from good families.

See New York Store's advertisement Monday.

The finest line of cut glass, odor bottles in the city, at living prices, may be had at Odaffer's.

## LET'S GO TO THE MANHATTAN

... CHRISTMAS BUYERS ARE SAYING.

A WEALTH of meaning in these words for those who wish to save money. We have the handsomest CHRISTMAS PRESENTS for Men, Boys and Children at any price you can afford to pay. Our reputation for FINE GOODS makes a present bought here doubly valuable, while our prices are guaranteed the lowest in town.

## MEN'S AND BOYS' GLOVES--

An endless variety of styles and colors. Prices from 15c to \$2.50.

## MEN'S AND BOYS' HATS--

Alpines, Derbies, Pasha, Black, Brown, Otter, Tan and Gray, at all prices. We are also sole agents for the celebrated KNOX HAT.

## MEN'S SUSPENDERS--

We have them in great quantities, in Cotton, Silk, Satin, Embroidered, in White French Novelty and Rob Roy Colorings.

## MEN'S NIGHT SHIRTS--

We carry in stock the most complete line in the city.

## MEN'S FANCY VESTS--

A full assortment. The now popular Corduroy in all colors.

## UMBRELLAS--

From one of the best manufacturers in the country who says, "guarantee all our Umbrellas for the cheapest to the best." Prices from 65c to \$9.00.

## MEN'S MUFFLERS AND FULL DRESS SHIELDS--

New and fresh stock. A very neat and acceptable present for any young man.

## MEN'S UNDERWEAR--

This is our great hobby. We claim to have the finest Underwear stock in the city. 40c per suit to \$7.00.

## MEN'S NECKWEAR--

We are the undisputed leaders of fashions in fine Neckwear in Marion. We have Neckwear in Tecks, Four-in-Hands, Bows, Club Ties, DeLourvilles, Ascot Puffs and Windsors in all colors and designs. Prices ranging from 25c to \$2.00.

## HANDKERCHIEFS--

White, Silk, Colored Silk, White Initial, Colored Initial, Silk Embroidered and Cottons of all kinds in dozens of different styles and colors, from 5c to \$1.50.

## JEWELRY--

While we do not pose as jewelers, still we offer a fine line of artistic Jewelry suitable for gentlemen's wear, at prices which should act as inducement to you to purchase.

DON'T MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS PURCHASES WITHOUT FIRST HAVING VISITED

## The Manhattan.

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## AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Y. M. C. A.  
 Men's meeting in Junior room at 3 p. m., led by Mr. F. M. Hochstetter.

Free Baptist.  
 9:00 a. m., Sunday school.  
 10:30 a. m., preaching.  
 7:00 p. m., preaching.  
 D. B. MARTIN, Pastor.

State Street Baptist Church.  
 Sunday school at 9.  
 Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.  
 All are cordially invited.  
 ALLEN BARTLEY, Pastor.

Evangelical Lutheran Church.  
 Sunday school 9:00 a. m.  
 Preaching, 10:15 a. m.  
 English service 6:30 p. m.  
 All are welcome.  
 A. L. NICKLAS, Pastor.

St. Paul's Church.  
 Fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 22.  
 9:00 a. m.—Sunday school.  
 10:30 a. m.—Morning service, ante-communion sermon, etc.  
 7:00 p. m.—Evening service with sermon or address.  
 Seats free. All welcome.  
 J. W. ARMSTRONG, Rector.

Reformed Church.  
 Sunday school at 9:00 a. m.  
 German services, 10 a. m.  
 Junior C. E. at 2:30 p. m.  
 Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:00 p. m.  
 English services at 7 p. m.  
 Christmas celebration Tuesday evening.  
 All are cordially welcome.  
 F. C. WITTHOFF, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church.  
 Sunday school, 9:00 a. m.  
 Preaching, 10:30 a. m.  
 Junior C. E. 3:00 p. m.  
 Y. P. S. C. E. 5:45 p. m.  
 Preaching, 7 p. m.  
 Subject of morning sermon, "Christ the Wonderful," a Christmas sermon. There will be a meeting of the session after Sunday school.  
 W. E. THOMAS, Pastor.

Christian Science.  
 The Christian science service will be held at the home of Henry Hazen, corner of Church and Sargent streets, Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.  
 Subject, "The Birth of Jesus" Luke 8:20. Golden text, "And they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matthew 1:23.  
 All are welcome. Bring your babies.

Christian Church.  
 9:00 a. m., Sunday school.  
 10:30 a. m., preaching.  
 3:00 p. m., Junior Endeavor.  
 6:00 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E.  
 7:00 p. m., preaching.  
 Subject of forenoon sermon, "Glad Tidings of Great Joy" for evening, "Religious Fads and Crazes."

Practice for Christmas entertainment at 6:30 this evening.  
 All welcome.  
 A. SKIDMORE, Pastor.

Epworth M. E. Church.  
 9:00 a. m., Sunday school.  
 10:30 a. m., preaching. Subject, "Divine and Human Forgiveness," seventh sermon in series on the Lord's Prayer.  
 11:45 a. m., 3:15 p. m., 6 p. m., class meetings.  
 2:30 p. m., Junior League.  
 7:00 p. m., preaching, Christmas sermon.  
 J. L. HIGMAN, Pastor.

## RAILROAD NOTES

Conductor Pat Conners, of the Big Four, was laying off Friday to attend a funeral.

J. M. Brigel is at work again at the Big Four freight office, after a couple of days' layoff on account of sickness.

Jim Harris, the Big Four freight conductor, allowed a barrel to drop on his hand and it mashed two of his fingers.

The Big Four has ordered some more new ten wheel engines to haul the express trains between St. Louis and Cleveland. They are to be delivered in the spring, when the service is to be accelerated.

Now that the Erie has suspended the publication of monthly earnings, there is no way to follow the company's business, but it is stated by good authority that the business in November was the best for several years.

President Ingalls, of the Big Four, says in an interview: "I have never in 25 years' experience as a railroad official seen condition as a whole more favorable to railroad interests. There is a good volume of business moving. It is carried at low rates, but they are better maintained than they have been and the new trunk line agreement will tend to make rates still more stable."

## MARION PARAGRAPHS.

Every imaginable kind of box games and juvenile books at Odaffer & Co's, at cost.

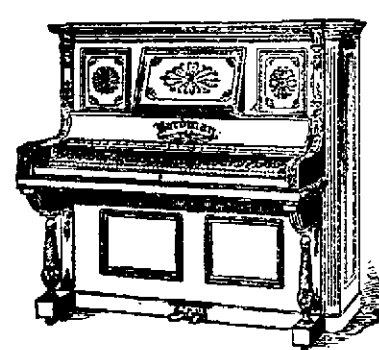
Don't buy shoes till you see New York Store's Monday advertisement. Bargains.

Justice Osburn and a jury were busy nearly all day hearing the case of S. S. Fox against W. T. Chambers, in which Fox sues for \$23,290, claimed to be due him for roofing a barn for Mrs. M. E. Chambers.

There has been much talk concerning the estate of Betsy Munson, but it is as great as many were led to believe would be. After all debts are paid there will be in the neighborhood of \$25,000 left. The exact amount is unknown.

## SPECIAL PRICES

ON  
 Pianos,  
 Organs  
 And All  
 Musical  
 Instruments



For the Holiday Trade

At H. ACKERMAN'S.

Well, Hello, Bill!

Davies' Tailoring Establishment

Why, I have been down to . . .  
 And ordered one of those fine suits at \$18.00.  
 "You have?"  
 "Yes."  
 "Well, does he sell them as low as he advertises?"  
 "Oh, yes, and lower. I got a \$25.00 suit for \$18.00, and he has a very fine suit for \$15.00. You had better come and go over with me and I will help you to pick one out."  
 "Well, Bill, have you got your suit yet?"  
 "Yes, here it is, the finest fit I ever had, and the style is elegant. When are you going to get your suit?"  
 "By Xmas."  
 "I will never buy any more ready-made suits."

The Best Gift

Is a Fine Suit.

Come in, leave the order and I will get the measure.

DAVIES, THE TAILOR.

Your Linen Looks Best When You Get It DONE AT ANTHONY'S.



## A GREAT SUCCESS

WAS THE ENTERTAINMENT AT THE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM FRIDAY NIGHT.

The Building Was Jammed by Those Present to Hear the Very Excellent Program Rendered—The Success Is Being Repeated Today.

The inclement weather of Friday night did not in the least affect the attendance at the school entertainment given at the High school auditorium under the direction of Miss Ward.

The seats were all filled and many had to stand in the aisles. The gallery was filled, principally, by the parents of the pupils, as it was thought best to give them the choicest seats Friday night for the reason that the little ones could take the gallery seats this afternoon.

The first number on the program was a chorus by B primary pupils entitled "The Christmas Tree," which was only fairly well rendered. The second number, "Our Little Maid and Our Little Man," was a recitation faultlessly rendered by Ella Paddock "The Stockingless Boy," a recitation by Roy Sanders, came next, and his effort was well received by the audience.

Estley Landes came next on the program with a recitation entitled "Seeing Things at Night." This number was a clever one and the word "cute" would best express his rendition of it.

A song, "Let's Go Sailing," by B primary pupils, and a "Christmas Song" by C and D primary pupils were the fifth and sixth features of the program.

"A Surprise for Santa Claus," a recitation by Donna Crissinger, was acted out, and little Miss Crissinger was assisted in the telling of her story by using a table on which a lunch all ready for Santa Claus was spread. Her effort was very clever.

The eighth number was given on the program as a "Popcorn Drill" but it partook more of the nature of a very artistic dance by the pupils of the North building.

Number nine, three songs by A primary and D grammar pupils, "Merry Christmas Bells," "Merrily Do the Bells Ring" and "What Say the Christmas Bells" was perhaps the best vocal number on the program and brought to a close part one of the entertainment.

The second part of the program was the cantata, "A Christmas Dream," rendered faultlessly by the following cast:

Santa Claus Fred Smith  
Fairy Queen Olive Critchett  
Sleeping Beauty May Wilson  
Cinderella Ray Anthony  
Fairy Tuck George Clark  
Robin Hood Ralph Thomas  
Little Red Riding Hood Clara Letter

If praise can be given to one in particular where all did so exceedingly well, the star of the performance was probably Olive Critchett, who sang her parts in a manner which would have reflected the greatest credit on one of many more years.

The entertainment, it will be noticed, was given by the younger pupils the D grammar being the highest grade mentioned on the program. That it was a financial success is evidenced by the fact that \$94 were taken in at the door.

This afternoon as we go to press a matinee is being given and the same program being rendered to a goodly attendance and consequently the present entertainment is one of the greatest successes in the history of the school.

Too much credit cannot be given to Miss Ward and the teachers for the successes of Friday night and this afternoon.

**DRESS PATTERNS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.**

They seem to meet the popular idea this season for holiday gifts. At our special sale of dress patterns we are giving extraordinary values in plain and fancy weaves in Priestley's matchless blacks, novelty patterns in Boucles, in greens, browns, navys, blacks, at \$3.50 a pattern. Our patterns in double-warp Henriettes, with linings complete, at \$3.99 and \$5.50 are more popular than ever.

Warner & Edwards.  
WON'T HANDLE WHEELS.

Frank A. Huber Disposes of the Columbia Bicycle Agency To Kling & Wilson.

Frank A. Huber, who has been prominently identified with the bicycle trade in Marion and a promoter of bicycling for several years, has retired from the business, disposing of the Columbia agency to Kling & Wilson. Mr. Huber has been the Columbia representative during the growing days of bicycling and retires now because his duties as treasurer of the Steam shovel company are too exacting to permit of giving any time effectively to a side issue.

Mr. Huber's retirement from the bicycle business will not divorce him from the ranks of wheelmen, however, a fact that Marion bicyclists will be pleased to know.

Winter millinery for Christmas time. at clearance prices, at Jennie Thomas' 2d door west of postoffice.

What You Want  
Home-made candies, pies, cakes, eggs, butter, mince meat, home-made bread, rolls, cookies, fruit pickles, suet puddings, sauer kraut, baked beans, apple butter, doughnuts, aprons, dressed chickens, meats, salads, jams, spiced fruits, squashes, pumpkins, etc., etc., at M. E. market Tuesday.

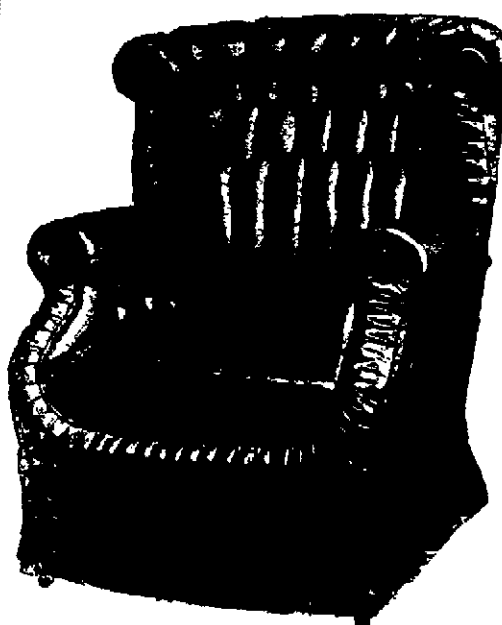
Patronize home industries means buying Christmas candies of M. E. Weiley. Not an ounce in the house not homemade 2413

Live oysters and clams in the shell, cheap, at the Empire Fruit Co. 2144

Wanted—Salesman to sell complete line of leather goods and cases. Good opportunity to proper party. Salary and commission. Gifford & Redman Co., Cleveland, Ohio. 2148

## Many Years Ago Goldsmith Wrote

"I chose my wife as she did her wedding gown, for qualities that would wear well."



NOW when you are looking for a place to buy your Christmas Presents, you always want to find the place where you can buy the best goods at the most advantageous prices.

## IN EVERY TOWN

Some one merchant has enjoyed, for years, the patronage of the public, some merchant, who by long continued, upright dealing, has won the confidence of the people. We desire to be duly modest, yet cannot refrain from calling attention to our long record in the past and pointing to it as one of the causes of

## OUR GREAT PATRONAGE.

The fact that we sell good goods, fine goods, goods up to date, and that our prices are always reasonable may also have added somewhat to our patronage.

Choose your Christmas Presents as Goldsmith chose his wife.

CHOOSE THEM OF

No. 212  
South Main Street.

H. SCHAFFNER.

NELSONS' JEWELRY STORE.

A FEW OF

## Our Holiday Suggestions!

On Which We Have Made a Big Cut!

Watches,	Diamonds,	Jewelry,
Pearls,	Scarf Pins,	Rubies,
Stand Lamps,	Jardiniere,	Rose Bowls,
Statuettes,	Rogers Groupes,	Fancy Vases,
Royal Worcester,	Dresden Ware,	Tepletz Ware,
Boudoir Lamps,	Candelabra,	Banquet Lamps,
Silver Novelties,	Pearl Novelties,	Gold Novelties,
Toilet Ware,	Cut Glass,	Table Ware,
Berry Spoons,	Rings,	Tea Spoons,
Watch Chains,	Music Boxes,	Jewel Boxes,
Onyx Stands,	Bric-a-Brac,	Dresden Clocks.

NOTHING IN JEWELRY THAT WE DON'T CARRY.

M. NELSON & SONS.

## "CHRISTMAS CHEER"

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Some folks write long articles trying to explain its meaning. We often see it in the title lines of Christmas music. The average citizen may claim it refers to a feast of roast turkey, mince pie, etc. The pleasure seeker will suggest that it means a time at the rink, polo game, grand ball, or the like. Children say it is the nice things Santa Claus puts in our stockings, while the sturdy country lad knows it means a toy gun that will make the old roosters get. We believe that "Christmas Cheer" will be fully realized by having a warm fire on Christmas eve, such as is acquired by burning HALEY BROS. coal. If you are using it make your worthy friend a present of a ton. Order in time!

## Here's Your Xmas!

Dolls, Toy Books, Wagons, Doll Carriages, Hobby Horses, Shoo-fly Rockers, Iron Toys, Games,

Parlor Sets and a great variety of things "too numerous to mention," all of which we will sell as cheap as any in the city, if not a little cheaper. Come and see.

D. L. SELLERS, 208 S. Main St.

Winter millinery for Christmas time. at clearance prices, at Jennie Thomas' 2d door west of postoffice.

Oysters 25 cents per quart.

24-12 PALACE GROCERY.

Found cake a specialty. 20 cts per lb. at Peardon's. 2414



## LIGHTING THE VIETNAM

**An Old English Custom That Has Not Entirely Disappeared.**

A custom at one time prevalent in England, and still observed in some of the northern districts of the old country, is that of placing an immense log of wood—sometimes the root of a great tree—in the wide chimney place. This log is often called the Yule log, and it was on Christmas eve that it was put in the wide hearth. Around it would gather the entire family, and its entrance was the occasion of a great deal of ceremony. There was music and rejoicing, while the one authorized to light it was obliged to burn all night.

the purpose. A poet sings of it  
in this way:

With the last piece's ban  
Light the new block ar  
For good success in his spending  
On your psaltries play,  
That sweet luck ne  
Come while the log is a-tendin'

The Yule log was supposed to be a protection against evil spirits, and it was considered a bad omen if the fire went out before the evening was over. The family and guests used to seat themselves in front of the brightly burning fire, and many a story and merry jest went round the happy group—selected.

## HOW TO WRAP THE PRESENTS

Several spools of narrow, colored ribbon, a package of smooth white tissue paper and a ball of gold cord are among the first essentials for the happy season now at hand to those who intend making more than two or three presents. Christmas gifts are different from birthday, souvenir and wedding offerings. They are appreciated, as a rule, for the feeling existing toward the person who bestows them and are valued in proportion to the intensity of this feeling and the impression they make when first received.

No gifts, no matter what their  
 insie value, make a more lasting c  
 our satisfaction fine...

more satisfactory first impression than those done up in a neat little shroud of white tissue paper tied with a bow of delicately tinted ribbon. Even a pair of galoches rolled up in a smooth, soft sheet of pearl white or cream white tissue paper, with its ends held by dainty little knots of gold cord, seem to possess a greater value, both as to their vitality and money value, than if done up in a piece of common brown wrapping paper or even a cardboard box.—Selected

A myth of the middle ages says that  
from the confusion of the world

If from folklore and myth we turn to philology, we find another point of interest in this associate of the Christmas feast. Its name consists of two words, "mistle" and "toe." The former of these comes from "mist," an Anglo-Saxon root which had different meanings—mist, gloom, darkness, the meaning now used by the former in "mistletoe."

"too" a final n is dropped, and

**The Christmas Tree.**  
After all has been said and done, Christmas is not Christmas without a Christmas tree. You may omit the holly, even the mistletoe, but if the Christmas tree is as essential an attribute to a "real live" Yuletide as the turkey or

um pudding. In humble households  
o turkey is often missing. Of need

sity it must give place to a more picaresque chicken, and the padding to a "store" mince pie, or something of that kind. Yet no one can deny, for how could any one dare to be hypocritical on Christmas day? But take away the tree, and every child in the household will pronounce this feast of feasts a dismal, melancholy failure.—Home and Country

ings of the East," belongs, of course, to Christmastide, and the adornment

the wise men formed a favorite scene in early English mysteries. In the legend the three kings are called Melchior, who was old, with gray hair and beard, and who offered gold to the infant Saviour; Jasper, who was young, and presented frankincense, while Balthazar, of dark complexion, with dark flowing beard, brought myrrh. The star which guided them had the form of a radiant child bearing a cross.—*Exchange.*

Long Live Santa Claus!  
Long may Santa Claus continue

pon his toes into children's socks on Christmas eve, to astonish them with his clubby face and his woolly head, and to puzzle and delight them by his unerring knowledge of their tastes and wants. May no fortune fail any of the reindeer who succeeds in demolishing the Santa Claus theory. —Toronto Mail.

afford it to ask if in his circle  
acquaintance there is not some fam-

that must go without Christmas cheer this year unless he provides it.—Philadelphia Times.

**An Ugly Myth.**

One of the ugliest of all myths is that Santa Claus cannot visit the little children of the poor because they have no stockings to hang by the chimney. It is a myth that cannot be too soon exploded.—Buffalo Courier.

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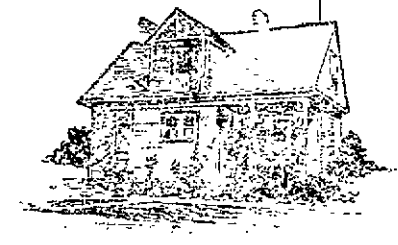
THE EXPERIMENT OF A PHILANTHROPIC EMPLOYER.

of Labor and Capital at Leclaire Village—An Enterprise That Is Being Closely Watched by Many Students of the Social Problem.

(Special Correspondence.)  
St. Louis, Dec. 17.—Eighteen miles from the city of St. Louis on the line of the Wabash and the "Clover Leaf" railroads is the town of Edwardsville, the busy center of a prosperous agricultural country. Just outside the town limits of Edwardsville, in what is known as Leclaire village, an experiment is being tried—one of the many experiments continually being made with a view to improving the relations of the workingman. The experimenter at Leclaire is N. O. Nelson, a prosperous St. Louis manufacturer. Mr. Nelson is an enthusiastic student of labor problems. Nine years ago he attempted to solve one of them by establishing a system of profit sharing in his factories. Most of the employees of the corporation of which Mr. Nelson is the moving spirit are shareholders, and they divide with their employer the profits of each year's work. Five years after the adoption of profit sharing in his establishment Mr. Nelson began the execution of his idea for the establishment of a community in which his employees could live more comfortably than in the crowded city, and in which they could be encouraged to become the owners of their homes.

A Model Town.  
Mr. Nelson's first step was to buy a farm of 125 acres. It was located just outside the town of Edwardsville, so there should be no compulsion about living there. The workmen in the shops may, and, in fact, most of them do, live in the town. It was located beside the railroad track for convenience in shipping goods. It was situated between groves of thick green woods, and two well filled ponds guarantee a supply of water for the boilers. On this tract of land Mr. Nelson began the erection of workshops, moving his business gradually from St. Louis to Leclaire. About an-half his men are employed now at Leclaire.

The place is called Leclaire village, yet it has no government except the laws of Illinois. It has not been incorporated under any municipal scheme. There is no policeman to be found anywhere within its limits, and Mr. Nelson believes neither police nor sheriff will ever be needed. It is, in fact, a community, but since it is styled a village, for the better understanding of those who



A WORKINGMAN'S HOME.

hear it spoken of, a village I will call it in this brief description. Between the shops and the community a tract of land is a high hedge fence which Mr. Nelson regards with peculiar fondness. It is the dividing line between authority and independence, for the authority of the shops does not exist in any form in the community, and the people of Leclaire, whether they own or rent their houses, are entirely free from restraint at the hands of the company. Through a break in the hedge a cinder drive leads past the village store and the headquarters of the Pastime club to a public parking, which is decorated with well kept beds of flowering and foliage plants. At this parking the road divides. To the right it passes the new schoolhouse, a small building of the Grecian type, brilliant in its new coat of yellow paint. To the left the road leads past the clubhouse, which once stood where the school now is, but which now turns its back on the school building. Opposite the clubhouse and beyond it are the dwellings of some of the people of Leclaire. There are others opposite and beyond the schoolhouse. On a crossroad which connects these parallel divisions of the main street are other dwellings. All are of a modest type, built of frame, two stories high, differing one from another in style of architecture. The lots on which the houses stand are all 100 feet front by 120 to 180 feet deep. The price charged for this land is \$2 per front foot for interior and \$2.50 per front foot for corner lots, with interest at 6 per cent from 1892. The company, of which Mr. Nelson is the head, builds the houses after plans mutually agreed on and sells houses and lots to employees on monthly installments of \$10 to \$20 per month. The charges for the houses is the cost of raw material and labor plus the average profit made by the manufacturing business.

Rules for Payment.  
The rules as to payments for houses are not iron-bound: nothing about Mr. Nelson's plans is. Mr. Nelson takes a personal interest in each case and adjusts the conditions to suit it. For example, there is a neatly kept house in Leclaire occupied by a man who has been out of work for nearly a year. He was disabled shortly after he bought it. He has paid nothing on the house since he met with the accident, and the living expenses of himself and his family have been paid out of the provident fund of the company.

The provident fund and the educational fund are two features of Leclaire which are worth noting. The provident fund is an indefinite sum, appropriated to meet the necessities of those who are disabled while in the employ of the company or those dependent on them, and to provide for the widows and the orphans of those who die while in the company's employ. The allowance on account of disability is approximately \$3 a week for a grown employee, \$2 for a minor, \$2 for an employee's

wife or dependent mother, and \$1 for each child. The allowance to the families of deceased employees is \$4 to a widow, \$2 to each child under 14, and \$2 each to aged and disabled parents. In addition to this, medical attendance is provided in some cases and reasonable funeral expenses are paid.

Educational Work.  
The educational fund was also a fixed sum at one time, but now there is an endowment of \$10,000 of the stock of the company. This educational fund is even more liberally bestowed than the provident fund. To be a beneficiary under the provident fund a man must have been in the employ of the company for six months. To benefit through the educational fund he need not have been in the employ of the company at all.

Few Restrictions.  
The streets of Leclaire have been laid out by the company, and not only the public but the private houses are kept in flower by the public gardener and supplied from the public greenhouse. Cinders cover the well laid roads, and there are plank walks 4 feet wide as far as the houses extend. Water mains have been laid to all the houses, and running water, the distillation of the steam from the company's shops, is furnished free to all. Electric lights are in all the houses, and the charge for them is 25 cents a month each. There are no sewers yet.

The House Owners.  
The company does rent houses temporarily, although it prefers in all cases to sell. In fact, if it was willing to rent all that were wanted, a great number of the workmen would be living in Leclaire. But one of the chief objects of the town is the encouragement of thrift, and house renting is a luxury when house owning is possible—to the poor man at least. Rents in Leclaire range from \$5 to \$12 a month.

In spite of these inducements less than 15 men have bought homes in Leclaire, though there are 200 men now working in the shops of the village. A dozen men live at the clubhouse, not on the co-operative plan, but as patrons of a caterer. Mr. Nelson says that he is satisfied with what has been accomplished. He does not expect to make a revolution in one year or many. He believes that his scheme has made some men happier and more prosperous and that it will help others. The success of his experiment is being watched by many who have made a study of social problems. Among these are Dr. E. E. Hale and Professor John Fiske, who have visited Leclaire and delivered lectures in the course which is held in the schoolhouse every winter.

GEORGE GRANTHAM BAIN.  
COLONEL W. F. CODY.

Some of His Varied Money Making Schemes.

(Special Correspondence.)

ATLANTA, Dec. 16.—A few days ago it was my good fortune to run across Colonel W. F. Cody in the corridor of the Kimball House here, and I asked him to tell me something about his various enterprises. Colonel Cody has so long been familiar to the public through his vast outdoor entertainment that it is not generally known perhaps that he is identified with numerous other money making schemes. The colonel is aging a little; there are gray hairs in his mustache and goatee where none was noticeable a few years ago, but his figure is still erect, his eye bright and his skin as ruddy as that of a boy. He said:

"As you may know, there were thousands of acres of land in northern Nebraska which were almost valueless by reason of a lack of water. Several years ago ex-Governor Thayer of Nebraska, Paxton, the Omaha capitalist and hotel man, and myself got a few New Yorkers interested in irrigating this vast waste. We formed a stock company, and as a result, now have the satisfaction of seeing big crops growing where before crops could not subsist. We get the water from the Platte river. All this part of the state is now settled largely by ex-New England farmers. I also partly own the stage line which runs from Sheridan, Wyo., through the Black Hills country, a distance of several hundred miles. It pays big money, although the railroad and the iron horse are slowly encroaching on our territory. Our line goes right through what was the seat of the great 'rustler' war of a few years back. The Burlington route has its terminus near Sheridan. I put up a \$10,000 hotel at that place, and even now it is regarded as a superb structure, although there are stables in New York which cost five times that amount. I had George Gould and Colonel John A. Cockerill out there as my guests some time since."

"Then up at La Crosse, Wis., Dr. Powell and I own and operate a coffee factory—that is, we make imitation coffee, and call it 'Tan-mat.' Powell is an old scout whom the Indians used to call 'White Beaver.' He was mayor of La Crosse for several years. 'Tan-mat' is not a high sounding name, but it is all right. It is not anything like the sham gullion coffee Mr. Tan-mat sells about in 'Roughing It.' Uncle Sam thinks enough of it to supply his army and navy headquarters with it. We also furnish some of the transatlantic steamship lines, cruises and other parties with 'Tan-mat.' I don't want to talk about myself too much, but when you ask, I own 7,000 horses at North Platte, Neb., and am constantly shipping them to the markets of the east. I am also part owner of a daily newspaper published at Dakota."

"Only a wildly extravagant or big would be worth a great deal more than he is. He lives like a prince. He did not say anything about the 'Cody sentiment' at Dakota, but it is a fact that he endowed that institution with \$10,000."

ATLANTA.

Americans in London.

A calculation recently made gives the number of Americans in England, more or less resident in London, at 30,000, twice as many as there are Frenchmen, four times as many as there are Italians.

## HERO IN BLUE CLOTH

THE ODD CASE OF POLICEMAN GRIFFENHAGEN OF NEW YORK.

He Stopped Three Runaway Horses Attached to a Fire Engine at the Columbian Celebration in New York—Did Not Show Any Peculiar Symptoms at First.

Roundsman Edward E. Griffenhagen, who has been undergoing treatment in Austria for a nervous malady that has puzzled physicians in this country and in Europe, returned to New York six weeks ago. Griffenhagen was anxious, because of the notoriety that his case has gained, that his arrival should not be known, and although he has since appeared before the Academy of Medicine few of his old friends on the police force know that he is in this country. The profound physical shock from which his illness dates was received on Oct. 12, 1892, during the Columbian celebration in New York, through an act of heroism that won him promotion. Griffenhagen was at that time a patrolman, and he was assigned to duty on that day in Union square on the line of march of the big parade.

As the New York fire department division wheeled into sight after the Grand Army posts engine 9, one of the largest in the city, swung out of the line of machines on either side of the street and into the open space in the middle. Three big bays drew it, and the driver made the turn from Fourth avenue into the plaza with his horses on the gallop. From the press stand it looked like a little fancy exhibition. That was the way it impressed everybody at first. Down between the lines dashed the three bays, and before it passed the carriage stand the driver shouted to a policeman:

"They've got the bits."

The three bays went plunging by as if to a fire. Union square and the side streets, except for the narrow line through which the parade was moving, were packed with thousands of spectators. Policeman Griffenhagen, who was on the north side of the plaza, heard the driver's cry. As the galloping horses approached, he took a short run and jumped for the bridle of the off horse.

Griffenhagen caught the bit with his right hand. Had he not been a well trained athlete his jump might have landed him beneath the horses' feet. The policeman held on, and the bays tore ahead as if nothing had happened. Griffenhagen was dragged for half a block. Sometimes he was swinging in the air. That was when the big bay would throw his head high up. At other times his legs were swinging under the horse's body. The policeman's grip was firm. As the heavy engine approached Seventeenth street two dozen policemen, who had been keeping the crowd back, spring forward and fell on the bays. The horses tore along for 50 feet more, and then came to a stop. They were halted within a dozen feet of the crowd that could not be pushed back any farther. Griffenhagen was the last man to release his hold. He was made a roundsman on the following day in recognition of his bravery.

Griffenhagen received no physical injury, apparently, beyond a severe nervous shock. Dr. Charles E. Nammack, surgeon of police, in describing his case in the last number of The Medical Record, says:

"One week later he was obliged to consult his family physician on account of a severe pain in the chest. He was treated for two months without relief, and then went to Dr. Loomis, whose diagnosis was strain and shock, and who ordered him absolute rest. In the spring of 1894 he consulted Dr. C. L. Duggan, who advised him to go to Germany for adrenergic treatment. He accordingly obtained leave of absence, went to Europe, and saw Dr. Leyden of Berlin, who sent him to Thulheim."

Griffenhagen is now 34 years old and apparently in good health. His case is one of traumatic neurasthenia and its symptoms are unique. When a reporter saw him, he was walking in the line back of his horse. His weight has fallen from 230 pounds to 185. Before joining the police force Griffenhagen was a gymnasium instructor in Providence, and he says his 230 pounds was mostly bone and muscle.

Griffenhagen remained on duty for a short time after his promotion, and then the symptoms that indicated the seriousness of his nervous shock began to develop. He first noticed a diminished power of persistent mental and physical application. Then came nervous irritability and mental exaltation. The reiteration of the story of his heroism worked him up to a pitch of excitement foreign to his temperament. He suffered from pain in the chest and weakness in the legs. Griffenhagen was slow to yield to these symptoms.

When Griffenhagen was examined a month ago, it was found that his pain and temperature sense was normal. His tactile sensibility is impaired, however. He cannot distinguish a pencil point from the end of his finger.

His hearing is not diminished, but he cannot listen to hand concerts, which he formerly enjoyed, without pain. His heart action is weak, and his muscles are easily fatigued. A slight irritation of his skin leads to persistent redness. Dr. Nammack says: "The diagnosis in this case lies between traumatic neurasthenia, traumatic hysteria and stimulation. The last was excluded by the absence of motive therefore, absence of striking symptoms and absence of efforts to exaggerate existing slight symptoms. Hysteria was excluded by the absence of anorexia or other stigmata of hysteria, such as paralytic contracture or spasm, and absence of paroxysmal phenomena. Although the case has now continued for over three years, improvement has been slowly progressive. He has had none of the reactions and excitement incident to medical legal cases of this character."—New York Sun.

## "COIN" FOUNDING AN ORDER

The Patriots of America, a Secret Organization, to Further Bimetallism.

A Chicago morning paper says a secret political order, founded by William H. Harvey, the author of "Coin's Financial School," will file articles of incorporation with the secretary of state at Springfield, Ill., within the next few days. It is to be known as the "Patriots of America," and its sole object is the restoration of the bimetallic standard.

Charters, it is said, have been made out and will be sent immediately to at least 1,000 lodges in various parts of



WILLIAM HOPE HARVEY.

the United States. The immediate purpose of the order, as voiced by its founder, is to take such steps as will compel recognition of the claims of the bimetalists from the representatives of the Democratic or Republican parties, or both, when they assemble in national convention next summer.

Since September a persistent and thorough canvass of every county in the United States has been in progress, and thousands of letters were sent out to the sympathetic leaders of all parties from Harvey's office in the Fort Dearborn building. Thousands of letters came in from every state.

## HE HAS AN IRON SKIN.

Familiar Case of Patrick Wood, a Painter in New York.

In the Hospital For incurables on Blackwell's island, New York, Patrick Wood is suffering from an odd hardening of the skin. The medical term for it is scleroderma. The doctors say he is to all intents and purposes as firmly incased as though he wore a suit of mail. He is 45 years of age, and his skin has been solidifying for the past two years. He was a painter. When he tried to twist his neck, his skin felt positively brittle.

His malady grew so rapidly that he had to give up his trade. Deprived of making a livelihood, he was forced into the almshouse. The doctors decided that massage treatment should be given. Four strong armed men rubbed the hapless Wood for hours, but the skin grew harder under their manipulation.

Dr. De Roy Culver had him removed to the hospital. There he was given thyroid extract, two grains at a time, until he now takes 108 grains a day. Under this treatment he has shown signs of improvement. He is also troubled with partial paralysis, brought on by his system absorbing oxide of lead employed in paint. Wood is of a cheerful disposition.

## HIS NEWEST PERFECTION.

How the Smartest Man on Earth Turned a Neat Compliment.

There may be some question perhaps of Emperor William's success in seeking distinction in linguistics, oratory, art and letters, but by a single utterance this week he has compelled even his French critics to greet him as a master of courtly speech. Addressing a young and pretty Danish violinist, he is reported to have said:

"Mademoiselle, you play the violin admirably. When I listen to you with my eyes closed, I believe I hear Sarah. Yet I prefer to keep my eyes open." The astonishment of the French press over this graceful and felicitous compliment is amusing. They have reopened the old question, "Is it possible for the German to have wit?" and are discussing it afresh in the light of this revelation.—New York Sun Cable Letter.

## WEDDED HIS RESCUER.

The Happy Completion of a War Drama in Real Life.

John Collins of Kentucky, a bashful soldier during the war, was caught by the Confederate General Marshall and sentenced to be shot at Harlan Court House in March, 1863. R. B. Booder, now of Carrollton, Ky., commanded the firing squad. Collins was given 30 feet start and at the order to fire ran and escaped.

Tom Martin of Bedford, Ky., a member of this firing squad, fell into Collins' hands later and was sentenced to die. Collins' young daughter pleaded for Martin and saved his life. Martin went to Missouri and married. Recently he visited the Collins home, a widower, and found the girl who had saved his life a widow. He married the widow.

## An Unlucky Jail.

About 4 per cent of the prisoners in the Arkansas state penitentiary escaped during the 12 months ending with last October. The total of prisoners in the penitentiary during the year was 1,456, and of these 57 escaped, and 362 were discharged. During October four escaped and 19 were discharged.

## A Good Example.

The state of New York is going into forestry with a vengeance. It has just purchased 75,000 acres of Adirondack woodland, making a total of 600,000 acres that it owns. This is a movement in the right direction, and is a good example for other states to follow.—Boston Journal.

UHLER, PHILLIPS &amp; CO.

# Only TWO MORE Sale Days Till Christmas!

## GRAND WIND-UP-SALE OF ALL HOLIDAY GOODS

ON SATURDAY NIGHT, Monday and Tuesday.

Everything in the store that was bought for the Xmas trade must be sold on Saturday night, Monday and Tuesday.

FIVE CENTS.  
A lot of Fancy Pin Trays, Match Holders, Fancy Pin Cushions, Napkin Rings, etc. . . . . all at 5 cents

NINETEEN CENTS.  
A lot of Fancy Ink Stands, Candle Sticks, Jewel Caskets, Picture Frames, Hair Pin Boxes, Japanese Trays, Circular Mirrors . . . . . all at 19 cents

TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.  
A lot of Fancy Mirrors, Metal Picture Frames, Perfume Bottles, Thermometers, Set—knife, fork and Spoon, 4 ounces best Toilet Water, Sugar Spoons, Dolls with kid bodies, Medallion Pictures, Men's Neck Ties, Silk Head Rests, Fancy Japanese Baskets, the famous set of Steel Knives—1 bread, 1 carving, 1 paring . . . . . all at 25 cents

## CELLULOID TOILET SETS.

Celluloid Manicure Sets, Celluloid Handkerchief Cases, Celluloid Fan Cases, Celluloid Glove Cases, Smokers' Sets—matches, ashes and cigars, with tray at \$1.00 per set.

## HANDKERCHIEFS.

All Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs at 15 cents or two for 25c, Ladies' Initial Silk Handkerchiefs at 15 cents, All Linen Handkerchiefs embroidered in very fine quality at 25 cents, Men's Silk Initial Handkerchiefs at 25 cents, Men's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs at 25 cents. You will never have such bargains offered you as we shall show on Monday and Tuesday!

This sale will be the climax of all Holiday Sales. Nothing will be left undone to make this sale one of profit to you.

# Uhler, Phillips & Co.

Great reduced price sale of Ladies' fine Fur Capes and Jackets.

## WITH THE GORILLAS.

PROFESSOR GARNER STARTS OUT AGAIN TO STUDY MONKEYS.

If Successful, Says the Results Will Be Surprising—Going to the Interior of Dark Africa—Will Return Some Time Next Spring.

I am now on the edge of civilization, about to plunge into the depths of the African forest. These are the last words I shall send before I disappear. Where and when I shall come out I do not know.

I am now writing at Ambrozette, Angola, and it is the 16th of October. It is unlikely that anything will be heard from me for some months. It is, of course, possible that I may never again reach civilization, and that this manuscript will be my last.

But if my journey is as successful as I expect it to be it will be surprising in its results and rapid in execution. I intend now to strike out for the Bolombu country and into the interior of darkest Africa.

Here I shall again resume my experiments with the native gorillas and attempt to complete the alphabet of the native language of the ape, which I was compelled to abandon during my first visit here a year ago.

I hope to cross Eryria to the Rembo Nkani and via Fernan Vaz lake into the Lake Tanganyika country, where I shall make for the coast. No time can be wasted for this hazardous journey, as most of it is foot or by canoe. But I hope to be back in New York early in the new year, or, at any rate, before the summer is well advanced.

I am well equipped for this journey and for my experiments. My previous experience in Africa will be of the utmost value.

My knowledge of the country and of the native languages has already been of the greatest assistance. Standing here on the brink where civilization and barbarism meet, I am confident that the journey which is before me will bring them both closer together. I am bringing some of the finest mechanical productions of civilization into the heart of the jungle. I shall bring out of the primal forest specimens bearing on anthropology and testimony to the antiquity of language that will be absolutely new.

There are things in this African jungle which come down here to where I stand that bear directly on the history of our race and speech. Here are found races that have not advanced in 10,000 years, races that seem linked never to have advanced and to occupy today a lower place in the social scale than many animals.

I do not doubt that there are members of the monkey family possessing a higher intelligence and a greater dexterity of language than many natives of Africa, whom they so closely resemble. I have known of the same words being used to express the same things in the language of both. These are some of the facts my present journey will throw light upon.

I am heading now for the greatest monkey country in the world, the great original breeding place of our race, as some believe. Here are to be found traces of man the like of which can be seen nowhere else on earth.

Here are to be found men so prehistoric that hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of years must have elapsed since they branched off from the rest of the great human family. They are today either the sole remaining specimens of a primal man or men who have slowly by interbreeding developed unique idiosyncrasies which differentiate them from all others.

In this great African jungle which the light of civilization has never penetrated, where time has stood still, which is today identical with what it was 10,000 years ago, an animal civilization has sprung up that has advanced quicker than the civilization of its human inhabitants. The skill of monkeys in this great heart of Africa has grown faster than the skill of men.

Here are found the largest monkeys and the smallest men. Not far from where I am sitting tonight writing to The Sunday World the chimpanzees have musical instruments around which they hold a dance, while there are tribes of savages so low and brutal as never to have invented a musical instrument.

Monkey tribes, gorilla tribes and chimpanzee tribes are organized. They have leaders and governors. They even have a rude system of government of the forest.

Each appears to have a special country of its own into which the others rarely penetrate. They have mysterious calls, prearranged conventions and regular times for social gatherings. This is the greatest place for scientific

inquiry on earth—none, because it is the oldest known field of human occupancy, and, secondly, because it has been wholly neglected. This is a virgin forest and a virgin field for exploration and discovery.

There is more to be learned in Africa on the race history of our race than in all the rest of the world together.—R. L. Garner in New York World.

## DON'TS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Scientific Suggestions—Some Are Strictly Original and Some Are Stolen.

Don't pay more for the Christmas tree than you do for the fruit. This is for everybody.

Don't expect too much in the way of Christmas gifts. You may have to put your foot in your stocking before you find anything in it. This is for those of sanguine temperament.

Don't buy presents until after you pay your debts. Give your creditors a chance to celebrate a merry Christmas before you perform that duty for any one else. This is for whomsoever the debt fits.

Don't give your boy a dog and then tell him he mustn't make a noise with it. Don't give your daughter a horse and forbid her to take it out of the stable without asking you. This is for parents who have enough money to afford dogs and horses for Christmas gifts.

Don't be exceedingly harping on what you wish to have for a Christmas gift. Possibly all your friends will take the hint and then you'll have a surplus and have to start a store to reduce it. This is for a large and highly amusing class.

Don't think that the spirit of good will, the impulses of generosity and the jolly laugh of good fellowship are things that are less necessary to your being truly happy all the year round than they are on Christmas day. By bearing this in mind you may be able to enjoy 1896 as you have enjoyed no other year. Like the first "don't," this is for everybody.

## A Savage's Contempt For Clothing.

The Kafir's contempt for clothing is the occasion for a nuisance against which the inhabitants of the eastern portion of Cape Colony need often to complain. Now, it seems the people of Bulawayo are suffering from a similar grievance. A few inches of leather flapping gait about the loins satisfy his ideas of gait about the loins. The Matabel Times holds that this attire is altogether insufficient and suggests that the sanitary board should take up the subject and prohibit Kafirs from coming into the town unless they are properly clothed. So does "civilization" slowly make way.—Westminster Gazette.



**DOLLS!**

**Cheap Dolls,  
Fine Dolls,  
Little Dolls,  
Big Dolls,  
DOLLS!**

**U. S. AUCTION SYNDICATE.**

**J. B. LAYTON, Prop.**

**This is  
The Thread**

that received the highest award at the  
World's Fair; that all leading sewing  
machine manufacturers use and re-  
commend. Read what they say about

**Willimantic  
Star Thread.**

"We have thoroughly tested the Willimantic Six-cord Spool Cotton  
and find it superior to any other in the market, and strongly recommend it to  
the agents, purchasers and users of all sewing machines."

THE SINGER MANUFACTURING COMPANY, WHITE SEWING MACHINE CO.  
WHEELER & WILSON MANUFACTURING COMPANY, DAVIS SEWING MACHINE CO.  
NEW HOME SEWING MACHINE CO., THE STANDARD SEWING MACHINE CO.

Ask the dealer for it, or send 24 cts. and receive six spools of thread,  
any color or number, together with four bobbins for your machine, ready  
wound, and an interesting book on thread and sewing, free.

**WILLIMANTIC THREAD CO., Willimantic, Conn.**

**Music From Our  
Balcony  
Tonight!**

**A delightful treat to promenade through  
our store and listen to the orchestra  
while doing your Christmas shopping.**

**EVERY** person in Marion—the strangers as well—will take advantage of this oppor-  
tunity. This store affords ample room to accommodate the crowds. Extra help has  
been secured, all is in readiness for a big crowd—a big business. Many reductions  
in prices of merchandise throughout the store will make the attractions still greater. We  
leave nothing undone to make this the only complete shopping place in this city. We can-  
not enumerate the articles that have been reduced—space will not permit. The only safe  
plan for you is to come and see. Express and freight packages of Christmas merchandise  
have come to us daily. Many are being retailed here at the cost to manufacture.

**The 3d Floor is Reinforced for Holi-  
day Shopping by a Car Load of Toys.**

Only the best unbreakable Toys and at the cost to manufacture. Not  
enough to go around—WARNING, DON'T DELAY.  
Dishes of the fancy kind.  
Silverware of late design.  
Dolls at half price.  
Books for the children at 5c to 25c.  
Screens that are right.  
Hundreds of articles on this floor.

**The Second Floor**

Contains its full share of Holiday bargains in the way of Fur Capes so  
cheap that surprises await you who have not been here in the past week.  
Cloth Jackets at half. Cloth and Plush Capes.  
Animal Scarfs, Feather Boas, Wrappers.  
Millinery at reduced prices.

**The First Floor**

With its broad aisles, good light and 27 salespeople in attendance, is the  
largest and most convenient store in itself in our city. No end to the  
advantages the Christmas shopper gets here. Linens, Towels, Dress  
Goods, Silks, Kid Gloves, Umbrellas, Perfumes, Hosiery, Underwear,  
Blankets, Purses, Pocketbooks, Ribbons, Ties, Cushions, Pillow Shams,  
Table Covers, Doylies, Muslin Underwear, Corsets, Knit Skirts, Flannel  
Skirts, Handkerchiefs. Can't tell you all, but you are invited to come  
in and see.

**D. A. FRANK & CO.**

**AN INTERESTING SUIT**

May Grow Out of the Actions of a Former  
Marion Justice.

Attorney Ball, of Prospect, was in  
the city today, looking up the dockets  
of the common pleas court and the  
docket of Squire Bell's court in regard  
to the case of M. O. Harmon against  
the Sumatra Cigar company. M. O.  
Harmon, of Prospect, was an agent of  
this company and was discharged and  
garnisheed money in the hands of cus-  
tomers of the company, who owed the  
Sumatra company for cigars. A portion  
of the money was at Prospect and  
\$28.50 was in the hands of Marion  
people.

"Squire Bell was sick at the time and  
Squire McNally tried the case. Mc-  
Nally rendered a judgment for Har-  
mon and he was given an order on the  
Prospect parties, and Constable Hug-  
gins collected the money from the Mar-  
ion dealer and turned it over to Squire  
McNally, but in the meantime the case  
had been taken to the common pleas  
court, Harmon winning there also.

The money, however, which was  
turned over to Squire McNally. Har-  
mon claims he never obtained, and At-  
torney Ball was looking up the matter  
today to find just how much money  
was coming to his client. It is probable  
that a law suit will ensue before the  
matter is finally settled.

The Odaffer closing out sale of books  
and stationery is not for sale purposes,  
but bona fide. Everything in these  
lines goes at cost. Investigate and you  
will buy.

**W. R. C. Meeting.**

There will be a called meeting at the  
home of Mrs. Clara Llewellyn on west  
Church street on Monday afternoon at  
3 o'clock, to make a slight change in of-  
ficers and to arrange for installation.  
It is important that every member be  
present. Ass't Sec'y.

For Christmas decorations call up F.  
E. Blake, telephone 12. tu, th, s, m

Winter millinery for Christmas time,  
at clearance prices, at Jennie Thomas',  
2d door west of postoffice.

**BIG JAIL DELIVERY**

NINE OF SHERIFF RICE'S PRISONERS  
ESCAPE FRIDAY NIGHT.

Some Patient Work Required in Sawing  
Off Heavy Steel Bars—There Is Little  
Doubt That Outside Assistance Was  
Given the Birds.

The second delivery in the history of  
the new Marion county jail took place  
Friday night.

This morning Sheriff Rice took  
twelve breakfasts into the jail. That  
was the number of guests he had to en-  
tertain at supper the evening before,  
but upon entering the jail he found  
that he had prepared too many plates.  
Nine of the twelve prisoners had escap-  
ed.

The prison roster contained the  
names of Barney Narrance, Emery Cas-  
selsberry, colored, Anthony Delkins,  
Patry McCue, Doodle Snyder, William  
Fox, Patrick Barret, Elmer Snyder, C.  
B. Kicket, S. C. Fairchild, Frank Grubb  
and the O'Brien kid. This morning  
only Fox, Grubb and O'Brien were in  
the jail when the sheriff opened the  
doors.

The prisoners were not locked in the  
cells during the night, such precaution  
not having been taken for some time.  
They were, however, confined in the  
iron cages or corridors that surround  
the cells. Part of those who escaped  
were on the south side and the others  
on the north side. To gain their free-  
dom it was necessary to saw off two  
steel bars, one for each set of prisoners.  
This of course was accomplished from  
the inside with tools that had been  
supplied at some time from the outside.  
The work might have been accomplish-  
ed after long and persistent effort, but  
was done at a time unknown to the  
prisoners left behind, as they knew  
nothing of what was going on until this  
morning.

Once having gained the freedom of  
the interior of the jail proper, escape  
from the building was next in order,  
and there were many difficulties to  
overcome. The same methods were  
employed as were used at the time of  
the first escape from the jail, when a  
gang of prisoners were led out by that  
smooth manipulator, Dolby, who is now  
doing time in the penitentiary. The  
top and middle east window was at-  
tacked, and two of the heavy steel bars,  
spear-shaped at the top, were sawed  
and broken off. These bars extend  
almost to the top of the arched win-  
dows but are not supported at the top,  
so that after being weakened by the  
use of the saw great pressure would  
snap them off. These are protected  
from the inside by a heavy screen,  
which in the case of Friday night was  
partially torn off.

It is believed that the work of saw-  
ing of the outside bars was accomplish-  
ed by some one on the outside of the  
jail. The location of the window is  
such that the ones doing it would not  
have been easily seen in the darkness  
of the night. The supposition is that  
aid came from the Bowery gang, anx-  
ious to rescue their comrades out of  
the inside. It is understood that between  
Fox and the other members of the  
gang incarcerated an unfriendliness  
had sprung up, which would seem to  
explain his ignorance of what was go-  
ing on.

The opening at the outside window  
was a small one and it is a matter of  
speculation as to how the colored fel-  
low, Casselsberry, and the other large  
prisoners, were able to force their bod-  
ies through. Once outside it was easy  
to climb the short distance to the  
ground and escape through the dark,  
unfrequented alley at the rear of the  
jail. At what time the delivery was  
effected is not known. Sheriff Rice was  
out of the city on official business, not  
getting home until 1 o'clock this morn-  
ing. The prisoners may have escaped  
before that hour. His absence and the  
darkness of the night may have been  
accepted as the most opportune time.

The escape of Barney Narrance and  
Casselsberry is the most regretted  
Narrance is charged with breaking into  
railroad cars. The evidence against  
him is conclusive. He is under bonds  
to appear in the Crawford county  
court under indictment for a similar  
offense. Casselsberry is charged with  
complicity in knocking down and rob-  
bing Sammy Pollock and was good for  
the penitentiary if the case was proven.  
His hearing was set for January 8.

McCue, Doodle Snyder and Barret  
were held on the charge of receiving  
stolen goods, and their absence from  
the city will not be deeply regretted.

Elmer Snyder, C. B. Kicket and S. C.  
Fairchild were the Big Island trio up  
on the charge of stealing turkeys.

Anthony Delkins only this week  
pleaded guilty to petit larceny, having  
stolen an overcoat at Hotel Nordica,  
but was awaiting the sentence of Judge  
Norris.

**Buy a Priestly black dress pattern,  
the most sensible gift of the season.  
Some of the popular weaves are as  
follows: Biarritz Cord, Empress Cord,  
Silk Warp Eudora, Twilled Eudora,  
Wool Figures, Figured Diagonals,  
Crepes and Cravettes.**

**Warner & Edwards.**

The Dow Law Collections.

All the saloonists in Marion county  
have paid their Dow law tax with the  
exception of two at LaRue.

One of these, Sam Blue, had gone out  
of the business and of course his tax is  
not to be collected but Treasurer Lef-  
ler went to LaRue today to close up  
the place of the other one. Mr. Keller,  
by name.

Keller had sold out but the property  
was taken back by him and it was  
probably under a misunderstanding that  
the tax was not paid.

**LOCAL MENTION.**

The late rains again brought out the  
new woman.

Gleberman's wines for your Christ-  
mas dinner.

Friday was the last day to pay the  
Dow law tax.

Finest quality of tub oysters in the  
city at Jeff Osborne's.

Miss Carrie Turney is assisting M.  
Nelson & Sons during the holiday rush.

The Rev. John L. Hillman will preach  
at Normal hall Monday next at 7 p. m.

Fine candies, absolutely pure, from  
10c to 75c per pound at Hazen & Sons.

Jeff Osborne has the finest display of  
fresh and salted meats in the city.

Foreign in name only are Meiley's  
French creams and fruit candies. 40c  
per lb.

For the last time it might be well to  
call attention to the cut-rate sale at  
Odaffer's.

"The old osken bucket" isn't a marker  
to a jug full of fine old whisky sold by  
Gleberman.

Our 25 cent per pound fruit cake is  
delicious; in cakes from 2 to 4 pounds.

The rain of last night was a good one  
but it came at an inopportune time for  
the Christmas shoppers.

Only a day or two left to buy your  
Christmas wines. Don't forget Gleber-  
man, 137 north Main street.

Winter millinery for Christmas time  
at clearance prices, at Jennie Thomas',  
2d door west of postoffice.

Books of all kinds, including a fine  
line of teachers', family and hand bi-  
bles, at cost, at D. M. Odaffer & Co's.

The supplies for the M. E. market  
next Tuesday exceed anything ever  
known in the history of the society. It  
will pay you to buy of the ladies.

An emery wheel burst at the plan-  
ing mill of the Prendergast Lumber  
and Coal company today, but fortu-  
nately no workmen were near and no  
one was injured.

The J. H. Holverstott monument has  
been erected in Marion cemetery and  
competent judges pronounce it the  
finest piece of work in the cemetery.  
It was erected by O. W. Lewis, Barrow,  
Vermont.

**SICK AND CONVALESCENT.**

C. W. Criswell is reported among  
those quite ill.

Miss Ella Carson is off duty at the  
telephone exchange on account of ill-  
ness.

Lulu McElowney, who has been sick  
for the past two weeks, is improving  
rapidly.

Word was received here today that  
Will Snyder was quite ill at Mansfield.  
Miss Carrie Snyder left for that place  
this afternoon to attend at his bedside.

The Ohio Bicycle works, successors  
to Bolander & Kauffman, today re-  
ceived an order from Robert Holmes &  
Brother, of Danville, Ill., for a Legal  
Tender bicycle. Messrs. Holmes &  
Brother sell from 400 to 600 wheels a  
year, and wish to become agents for  
this wheel in the eastern part of  
Illinois.

**PERSONAL.**

B. A. Walters returned from LaRue  
this morning.

K. E. Randall, of Prospect, is in the  
city on business.

Miss Bessie Waddell, the guest of  
her aunt at Delaware.

M. J. Hanley, of Delaware, was in the  
city Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hanley, of Caledo-  
nia, were the guests of Mrs. Breen Fri-  
day.

J. W. Jacoby, a student of the Cin-  
cinnati law class of '37, is home for the  
holidays.

Miss Lizzie Weis, of Marysville, is  
the guest of her father, Fred Weis, of  
West Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Baird left this  
afternoon for a ten days' visit at Man-  
field and Canton.

Miss Eleanor Friesland has returned  
from Glendale College to spend the  
holidays with her parents.

Prof. Will Fite, of Orchard Lake,  
Mich., is here to spend the holidays  
with his parents.

Florence Foye returned home yester-  
day from Shepardon college to  
spend the holidays.

Miss Patti Thompson has gone to  
Central City, Colorado, where she will  
visit with her sister for some time.

J. S. Killnery returned home Friday  
after several weeks' stay in Minneapo-  
lis, in the interests of the Huber com-  
pany.

Noah Lee, of Caledonia, was in the  
city today. Mr. Lee was formerly a  
frequent visitor here, but since the  
burning of the Caledonia mills, he sel-  
dom gets to Marion.

Mrs. S. M. Kirk, of Zanesville, is a  
guest of her daughter, Mrs. George W.  
Harlan, on Mt. Vernon avenue. Mrs.  
Kirk was once a resident of Marion,  
her father having once conducted the  
old Exchange hotel.

Rev. T. J. Murphy, a former pastor  
of the State street Baptist church, is  
here from Sweet Water, Tenn., accom-  
panied by his son, Milo. Rev. Murphy  
is here looking up property interests  
and arranging to return to Marion next  
spring. Milo will remain this winter.

Drew, Selby & Co's. tailor made  
ladies' shoes for Christmas presents at  
New York Store. Finest in town.

**At The Eleventh Hour!**

It is customary with many people  
to buy their Holiday Gifts the day before  
Christmas. We append a list of popular  
articles, Useful, Pleasing and in many  
instances EXTRA VALUES.

**Dress patterns, in Fine Black Serge, with all  
Linings and Trimmings \$3.99**

**Dress Patterns in double warp black Henriettas  
with linings and trimmings \$5.50**

**Dress patterns in all silk black Drap de Alma  
(15 yards) \$11.25**

**Dress patterns in all-wool Boucle  
Novelties \$3.50**

**Fancy Silk Waist Patterns, 4.50**

**Misses' Mackintoshes 1.50**

**Ladies' Double Texture Mackintosh 6.00**

**Ladies' Black Fur Capes  
\$4, \$7.50, \$10.**

**Ladies' Umbrellas, with Artistic Handles \$1.00**

**Children's Kid Gloves \$1.00**

**Ladies' Kid Gloves \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50**

**Japanese Silk Pillows \$2.25**

**Gent's Umbrellas, with Cane to Match \$5.00**

**Gent's Initial Handkerchiefs 25c**

**Ladies' Embroidered Handkerchiefs 10c to 25c**

**Exquisite Effects in Embroidered Handkerchiefs 33c**

**Turkish Tabourettes, Japanese Screens, Hall Chairs, Umbrella Stands,  
Slipper Cases, Artistic Stands.**

**Fancy Articles.**

Monday and Tuesday next must see them closed out.  
Japanese Vases, Trays, Handkerchief Boxes, Bon Bon  
Boxes, Celluloid Toilet Articles, Fancy Baskets, Browne  
Books, Purses, Chatalein Bags!

**Not To Be Forgotten.**

The Carpet Department, second floor. This  
floor is furnishing many Christmas Presents this year.

**Moquette Rugs 75c**

**27 in. Moquette Rugs \$1.65**

**36 in. Moquette Rugs \$2.65**

**Carpet Sweepers \$1.25**

**One of the Best \$2.00**

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